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- 1 TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2015 9:00 O'CLOCK A.M.
- 2 (In open court without the jury:)
- THE CLERK: Criminal 14-826 SOM, United States of
- 4 America versus Albert Hee. This case has been called to
- 5 Address Jury Issue.
- 6 Counsel, please make your appearances for the record.
- 7 MR. TONG: Good morning, Your Honor. Larry Tong,
- 8 Quinn Harrington, Christina Sorely, and Greg Miki for the
- 9 United States.
- 10 THE COURT: Good morning.
- 11 MR. TOSCHER: Good morning, Your Honor. Steven
- 12 Toscher for defendant Albert Hee, who is present with me in
- 13 court. We're in court together with Lacey Strachan and Kurt
- 14 Kawafuchi.
- THE COURT: Okay. You had matters you wanted to
- 16 raise?
- MR. TOSCHER: Yes, Your Honor, we wanted to --
- THE COURT: So if you can let opposing counsel know
- 19 and call sooner, then we won't delay the jury, which is
- 20 something I know I expressly asked of counsel before trial
- 21 started, but, you know, when you do it as you walk in, then
- 22 it's a little hard. We're going to delay the jury now.
- 23 Do these have to be addressed right now?
- MR. TOSCHER: Your Honor, it will be very quick. I
- 25 spoke with counsel and informed them of the issues. If we can

- 1 just take a few minutes.
- THE COURT: Okay.
- 3 MR. TOSCHER: Okay. We informed the government one
- 4 of the government's witnesses, Mr. Hee's daughter Liko, had her
- 5 baby this morning. It was -- she went into the hospital last
- 6 night premature, but it was born this morning. And we informed
- 7 the government, and the government will let you know -- I'm
- 8 trying to find out what the government's schedule is, when
- 9 they're going to rest, because things have been changing, and
- 10 that's sort of the main topic.
- 11 The one formality, procedurally -- and we can deal
- 12 with scheduling in a second -- the government has announced to
- 13 the Court that they're not pursuing the BWS, Board of Water
- 14 Supply, allegations, paragraphs 15 through 21, and I think we
- 15 should have something more formal on the record with the
- 16 government agreeing to strike those allegations.
- 17 THE COURT: It's on the record.
- 18 MR. TONG: It's on the record. Mr. Toscher wasn't
- 19 there. Mr. Kawafuchi was there. It's on the record. It's in
- 20 the minutes.
- 21 MR. TOSCHER: Your Honor, I wasn't there, and it was
- 22 just -- I don't think -- okay. If that's adequate, if it's
- 23 clear, then --
- MR. TONG: I think it is. When you have four lawyers
- 25 and one of them appears in court, presumably they have

- 1 authority to act on behalf of the defense.
- MR. TOSCHER: Absolutely, Your Honor.
- 3 THE COURT: It's already on the record.
- 4 MR. TOSCHER: Okay. Then that's fine, Your Honor. I
- 5 just wanted to confirm that. I didn't know how informal that
- 6 was. But that's fine.
- 7 With that, Your Honor, I've also let the government
- 8 know, and the issue is, when we get the government's tax
- 9 computations, which we have not received yet, that we would
- 10 request some time to be able to review them before we have to
- 11 cross-examine the government's summary expert.
- 12 So I wanted to let the Court know those scheduling
- issues, and I think I would just request that the government
- 14 let us know -- I had a brief conversation with Mr. Tong as to
- 15 when they expect to finish, what remaining witnesses, because
- 16 we're trying to get ready for our defense.
- 17 THE COURT: Okay. So last time he said he thought
- 18 they would rest tomorrow, as I recall. So you, presumably,
- 19 should be ready to put on the beginning of your case tomorrow,
- 20 if that's still holding true.
- 21 MR. TONG: Yes, Your Honor, it is.
- 22 MR. TOSCHER: Yes, Your Honor. And we're starting to
- 23 get our witnesses to have witnesses ready tomorrow. And I
- 24 believe --
- 25 THE COURT: Okay. So what's happening with the

- 1 government reaction to Mr. Hee's becoming a grandfather? Or
- 2 maybe you already are a grandfather. I don't know.
- THE DEFENDANT: Second one, Your Honor.
- 4 THE COURT: Second one? Okay.
- 5 MR. TONG: Your Honor, just to be clear, we actually
- 6 were notified late yesterday about 5:00 P.M. by Mr. Purpura.
- 7 We did not hear anything from Mr. Toscher until this morning.
- But we did review our evidence, and I believe we will
- 9 call Adrianne Hee this morning and reassess, reconfirm, but at
- 10 that point we probably will not see the need to call the other
- 11 daughter.
- 12 THE COURT: Okay.
- MR. TONG: And after that, assuming we have the
- 14 evidence in and subject to a check of the exhibit list, I
- 15 believe we'll be ready to go to the summary witness Susan
- 16 Mitsuyoshi.
- 17 THE COURT: And --
- 18 MR. TONG: And as to the timing of how long she'll
- 19 need for the schedules, Mr. Harrington will be dealing with
- 20 that witness; so he would probably be in a better position to
- 21 address any issues the Court may have.
- 22 THE COURT: Okay.
- 23 MR. HARRINGTON: Yes, Your Honor. We already have
- 24 the schedules prepared, and, of course, it's subject to there
- 25 being perhaps some unanticipated testimony from Miss Hee, who

- 1 is going to testify this morning. But we don't anticipate that
- 2 being an issue. We have all the schedules prepared right now,
- 3 and we anticipate that at the end of close of testimony from
- 4 Miss Hee we'll be able to take a look at them, make sure
- 5 everything is in order, and turn it over and begin her
- 6 testimony.
- 7 THE COURT: So as long as you have a chance to review
- 8 this before cross-examination. I mean, the summary witness may
- 9 take a while. I mean, typically, it's a tedious thing --
- MR. HARRINGTON: Yes, Your Honor, probably be a few
- 11 hours we anticipate.
- 12 THE COURT: So will that be enough?
- MR. TOSCHER: Your Honor, as soon as I see them,
- 14 I'll diligent effort to go through them, but I would just like
- 15 the time to be able to go through them.
- 16 THE COURT: Okay. Well, some reasonable time.
- 17 MR. TOSCHER: Of course, Your Honor.
- One other quick -- I'm sorry, Your Honor. I assume
- 19 from Mr. Tong's statement -- I had an issue regarding Mr. Tong
- 20 had indicated they may be calling the government's Special
- 21 Agent Mr. Miki. May I assume now that the government is not
- 22 going to call Special Agent Miki?
- MR. TONG: Yes.
- 24 THE COURT: Okay.
- 25 MR. TONG: We may call him in rebuttal, but not at

- 1 this point.
- MR. TOSCHER: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 3 THE COURT: We'll deal with rebuttal later.
- 4 MR. TOSCHER: Yes, Your Honor. I just want to make
- 5 sure I know so we can start preparing.
- 6 THE COURT: Okay.
- 7 MR. TOSCHER: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 8 THE COURT: So we're going to bring the jury in, and
- 9 then you can have your next witness on the stand.
- 10 (Jury enters.)
- 11 THE CLERK: Please be seated.
- 12 Criminal 14-826 SOM, United States of America versus
- 13 Albert Hee. This case has been called for Further Jury Trial.
- 14 Counsel, please make your appearances for the record.
- MR. TONG: Good morning, Your Honor. Good morning,
- 16 ladies and gentlemen. Larry Tong and Quinn Harrington for the
- 17 United States. With us are Christina Sorely, our technical
- 18 assistant, and Special Agent Greg Miki of the IRS. Good
- 19 morning.
- 20 MR. TOSCHER: Good morning, Your Honor. Good
- 21 morning, ladies and gentlemen. Steven Toscher for defendant
- 22 Albert Hee, who is present with me in court, together with
- 23 Lacey Strachan and Kurt Kawafuchi.
- 24 THE COURT: Okay. Good morning. You can all be
- 25 seated.

- 1 Welcome back, ladies and gentlemen. I don't know if
- 2 you've thought about any of us during the break, but I promise
- 3 you that the people sitting at those tables have thought of
- 4 nothing else but you while you have been out of their view. So
- 5 they're ready to go and continue with this trial.
- 6 Counsel, you can bring in your next witness.
- 7 MR. TONG: Government calls Adrianne Hee.
- 8 (Witness photographed.)
- 9 THE CLERK: Please raise your right hand.
- 10 (Witness sworn.)
- 11 THE CLERK: Thank you. Please be seated.
- 12 Please state your name and spell your last name.
- THE WITNESS: Adrianne Ho'oulu-no-na-lani Roylo Hee,
- 14 H-e-e.
- 15 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 16 BY MR. TONG:
- 17 Q Good morning.
- 18 A Good morning.
- 19 Q Do you also go by the name Ho'o?
- 20 A I do.
- 21 Q And where do you presently live?
- 22 A In Brooklyn, New York.
- 23 Q Are you originally from O'ahu?
- 24 A Yes, I am.
- 25 Q What year were you born in?

- 1 A 1986.
- 2 Q And your present age?
- 3 A Twenty-nine.
- 4 Q Who is your father?
- 5 A Albert Hee.
- 6 Q Do you see him in court today?
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 Q Is he the individual standing up?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 MR. TONG: May the record reflect the identification
- 11 of the defendant.
- 12 THE COURT: Yes, it so reflects.
- 13 BY MR. TONG:
- 14 Q And, Miss Hee, who is your mother?
- 15 A Wendy Hee.
- 16 Q Does she use the middle name or her maiden name Roylo?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q Same name you have in yours?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q And who is your paternal grandfather?
- 21 A Charles Hee?
- 22 Q Yeah, your dad's dad.
- 23 A Yeah.
- 24 Q And how about your father's mother? What was her name?
- 25 A Roselani Hee.

- 1 Q And I gather she is no longer with us; is that correct?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q Do you have any siblings?
- 4 A I have two.
- 5 Q What are their names?
- 6 A Whole name or what I call them?
- 7 Q Why don't you tell us -- tell us the whole name.
- 8 A My sister is Breanne Ehu-kai-o-liko-i-ka-makani Roylo Hee.
- 9 And my brother is Charlton E-ola-koa-kupa'a-i-ke-one-kulaiwi
- 10 Roylo Hee.
- 11 Q And is it true you know your sister by the shortened name
- 12 Liko?
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 Q And your brother by the name Kupa'a.
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q And what are their ages? Or it looks like I'm
- 17 confusing --
- 18 A I think Liko is 27, and I think Kupa'a is 25.
- 19 Q So two-year gaps between each of you, give or take.
- 20 A Give or take.
- 21 Q Okay. Now, can you tell us about your educational
- 22 background, starting with high school. Where did you go to
- 23 high school?
- 24 A I went to Kamehameha.
- 25 Q And what year did you grad?

- 1 A 2004.
- 2 Q Did you go to college after that?
- 3 A I did.
- 4 Q Where did you go?
- 5 A I went to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, MIT.
- 6 Q Where is MIT located?
- 7 A In Cambridge, Massachusetts.
- 8 Q When did you start at MIT?
- 9 A 2004.
- 10 Q Did you get a degree from MIT?
- 11 A I did.
- 12 Q What year did you earn that degree?
- 13 A 2009.
- 14 Q So it took you five years at Cambridge to get the degree;
- 15 is that correct?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q And what was the degree in?
- 18 A It's a Bachelor's of Science in Architectural Studies.
- 19 Q Were you a full-time student while you were working -- I'm
- 20 sorry. Let me start again.
- 21 Did you take courses on a full-time basis at MIT?
- 22 A Yes, I did.
- 23 Q And were the courses given on a semester or trimester
- 24 basis?
- 25 A Semester.

- 1 Q So can you give the jury an idea of when the fall semester
- 2 would start and end.
- 3 A Probably around the end of August/September, and then it
- 4 would end in December.
- 5 Q And how about the spring semester?
- 6 A The spring would start in February and end around early
- 7 June.
- 8 Q And during your time as a student at MIT, I gather you
- 9 lived in the Cambridge area.
- 10 A I did.
- 11 Q Did you come home during breaks?
- 12 A I did.
- 13 Q And how often each year would you come home?
- 14 A At least twice a year.
- 15 Q And that would be for Christmas break?
- 16 A Yes. Normally, for Christmas and then summer.
- 17 Q Now, how did you pay for your tuition at MIT?
- 18 A My father's company paid for it initially, and then it was
- 19 transferred into a shareholder loan that he later paid off.
- 20 Q Okay. And you didn't know how it was being paid
- 21 initially, did you.
- 22 A I just understood that the company was paying for it.
- 23 Q And his company is Waimana Enterprises; correct?
- 24 A It is.
- 25 Q And you mentioned the shareholder loan. I gather that's

- 1 information you acquired at some later time during an
- 2 investigation; correct?
- 3 A It was told later that it was a shareholder's loan. I
- 4 don't think it was because of this investigation.
- 5 Q Okay. You didn't know it at the time the payments were
- 6 being made, though; right?
- 7 A No.
- 8 Q You just knew that Waimana was making the payments.
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q You didn't know -- I mean, how the payments were being
- 11 treated for tax purposes; right?
- 12 A No.
- 13 Q And you were a student, and all you cared about is being
- 14 able to study; right?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q Now, what about your housing? How was that paid for while
- 17 you were at MIT?
- 18 A Waimana also paid for it.
- 19 Q And were you in on-campus housing, or did you move off
- 20 campus?
- 21 A I was on campus for the first four years, and then the
- 22 last year I moved off.
- 23 Q The entire five years Waimana paid for those costs;
- 24 correct?
- 25 A Yes.

- 1 Q What about your books?
- 2 A They also covered those.
- 3 Q So pretty much Waimana Enterprises paid all of the costs
- 4 associated with your study at MIT.
- 5 A Yes, room and board.
- 6 Q Now, while you were an undergraduate student, was there a
- 7 time when you studied abroad?
- 8 A Yes, for a summer.
- 9 Q And which university did you study with?
- 10 A I studied with MIT after the first summer there in
- 11 Venice -- not in Venice, outside the Venice area. And then the
- 12 next summer I studied with Arizona State University.
- 13 Q And that was some kind of program Arizona State offered to
- 14 allow you to study in Europe; correct?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 O And would that have been in the summer of 2007?
- 17 A Might have been.
- 18 Q Okay. And where did you study on that Arizona State
- 19 University program?
- 20 A That program was in Barcelona, Paris, and then Amsterdam.
- 21 Q What did you study during that summer?
- 22 A It was design.
- 23 Q And so it was related to your architectural studies, I
- 24 gather.
- 25 A It was.

- 1 Q And who paid the tuition for the summer you spent abroad
- 2 with Arizona State University?
- 3 A I believe Waimana did.
- 4 Q And how about the travel expenses?
- 5 A I believe Waimana did, too.
- 6 Q How about your living expenses over that summer?
- 7 A It was included in the costs of the tuition.
- 8 Q Okay. Now, while you were at MIT is it true that you were
- 9 on the payroll of Waimana Enterprises?
- 10 A Yes. Starting in 2006.
- 11 MR. TONG: Okay. And if we could show the jury
- 12 Exhibit 4-118, page 86, please.
- 13 Q Miss Hee, we're going to put a document up on the screen.
- 14 I don't know if you can see it from where you are. We'll try
- 15 to blow it up.
- 16 Can you read that?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q I think you just testified that you were put on the
- 19 payroll in January of 2006; is that correct?
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 Q And the stated salary on this document is \$24,000 a year;
- 22 is that correct?
- 23 A It is.
- 24 Q Is that consistent with your memory of what you were
- 25 getting paid while you were a student at MIT?

- 1 A I believe so, yes.
- 2 Q And let me do the calculation here. I believe you said
- 3 you started at MIT in the fall of 2004?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q So this would have been the winter semester of your
- 6 sophomore year; correct?
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 Q And is it true you continued to receive pay in that amount
- 9 throughout your time at MIT?
- 10 A It is.
- 11 Q Now, this document -- by the way, you know who Nancy
- 12 Henderson is; right?
- 13 A I do.
- 14 Q She was your dad's office manager or assistant; correct?
- 15 A Yes, she was.
- 16 Q And the document says you, Adrianne Hee, would be
- 17 enrolling in the 401(k) program. Do you see that reference?
- 18 A Yes, I do.
- 19 Q You know what a 401(k) program is?
- 20 A Yes. It's a retirement account.
- 21 Q It says you would be contributing 12 and a half percent of
- 22 your wages towards your retirement; correct?
- 23 A It does.
- 24 Q Did you, in fact, make those contributions, or rather have
- 25 them withheld from your salary?

- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q Now, you said that you graduated from MIT in 2009; is that
- 3 correct?
- 4 A Yes, it is.
- 5 Q What happened to your salary with Waimana upon your
- 6 graduation?
- 7 A It increased.
- 8 Q Do you recall the amount to which it increased?
- 9 A I believe it increased to 50,000.
- 10 Q Per year?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q And was the graduation in May or June of 2009?
- 13 A June.
- 14 Q And what did you do immediately upon your graduation?
- 15 A I worked at a program in the Berkshires called BUTI,
- 16 Boston University Tanglewood Institute.
- 17 Q So you stayed in Boston.
- 18 A It's outside of Boston, but, yes, it's in Massachusetts.
- 19 Q Just so I'm clear, I'm not real familiar with Boston.
- 20 Cambridge is sort of a smaller community that is adjacent to
- 21 Boston; is that correct?
- 22 A It is. But this particular job wasn't near Boston. It
- 23 was two hours outside.
- 24 Q And you say that it was the Tanglewood Institute; is that
- 25 correct?

- 1 A Boston University Tanglewood Institute, yes.
- 2 Q That's part of the Boston University College of Fine Arts,
- 3 is it not?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q And what does the Tanglewood Institute do?
- 6 A It's a music program for children, ranging from
- 7 intermediate up through high school, that are particularly
- 8 gifted, and they're taught by the Boston Symphony Orchestra for
- 9 the summer.
- 10 Q And did you work there over the summer of 2010?
- 11 A No. 2009.
- 12 O I'm sorry. Excuse me. My bad.
- 13 A Okay.
- 14 Q The summer of 2009?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q And what was your job with the Tanglewood Institute?
- 17 A I was a transportation manager.
- 18 Q What did you do as a transportation manager?
- 19 A I coordinated -- there were approximately 350 students,
- 20 and I coordinated their transportation to various venues they'd
- 21 rehearse at. And I also did the payroll of these outside
- 22 contractors that we'd use to bus them.
- 23 Q So I gather you lived in Cambridge or somewhere in the
- 24 Boston area while you had that job; is that true?
- 25 A I lived out there at Tanglewood, yes.

- 1 Q Now, what did you do after your employment with Tanglewood
- 2 Institute?
- 3 A I worked at the Huntington Theatre Company.
- 4 Q Tell us what the Huntington Theatre Company is.
- 5 A It's a mid-sized non-profit theatre in the Boston area.
- 6 Q Before I move on to Huntington Theatre, your employment
- 7 with the Boston University Tanglewood Institute lasted what,
- 8 how many weeks, roughly?
- 9 A It was for the summer; so maybe two and a half months. So
- 10 it's 10 weeks.
- 11 Q And you mentioned that after that you went to the
- 12 Huntington Theatre Company; correct?
- 13 A I did.
- 14 Q Tell us what the Huntington Theatre Company is.
- 15 A It's a mid-sized non-profit theatre in the Boston area.
- 16 Q What was your job for the Huntington Theatre Company?
- 17 A I was one of the people that built sets and props and then
- 18 installed them for the productions.
- 19 Q What was your title, if you call?
- 20 A I was a professional intern, I believe.
- 21 Q And how long did you work for that organization?
- 22 A I worked there for the season; so September -- August,
- 23 September through June.
- 24 Q And when you say "season," I gather you mean a season of
- 25 different shows or productions; correct?

- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q Now, while you were a student at MIT, did you also work in
- 3 the theater department there?
- 4 A I did.
- 5 Q And what did you do for the theater department of MIT?
- 6 A Similar. I built sets and props and helped install them.
- 7 Q Were the jobs with Tanglewood Institute, Huntington
- 8 Theatre, and MIT paying jobs?
- 9 A Yes, they were.
- 10 Q So I'd like to direct your attention to a tax return,
- 11 which is Exhibit 1-40. It's to your left. And we'll also put
- 12 it up on the screen. If we could take a look at that, please.
- 13 If we could look at the first page of the tax return,
- 14 which is page 190, please.
- You see that in front of you, Miss Hee?
- 16 A I do.
- 17 Q Let's zoom in on the top half, please.
- 18 And, Miss Hee, this is a tax return for calendar year
- 19 2009; correct?
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 Q That's the year in which you graduated from MIT; correct?
- 22 A It is.
- 23 Q As well as the year in which you had the employments that
- 24 you just referenced; is that correct?
- 25 A It is, yes.

- 1 Q And it appears that it was filed with your Kailua address;
- 2 is that correct?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q And it looks like on line 7, if we could go to 7, please,
- 5 you're reporting income of \$57,510; is that correct?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q And let's go to page 2 just to confirm that this is your
- 8 return. This is page 191. And if we could look at the bottom
- 9 part.
- 10 There's a signature block. Do you see that?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 O And whose signature is that?
- 13 A It looks like mine.
- 14 Q And you listed your occupation as a student; correct?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q And the date of the signing?
- 17 A It says 5/11/2010.
- 18 Q Okay. Now, I want to move forward a few pages to the
- 19 first page with your W-2s, which is at Bates number 193. If we
- 20 may display that, please.
- If we can zoom in on the top half, please. I'm going
- 22 to start with the one in the upper left-hand corner.
- 23 This W-2 shows that you earned income from the
- 24 trustees of Boston University; is that correct?
- 25 A Yes.

- 1 Q And the income was about \$5200; correct?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q Would that be the wages you earned for the Tanglewood
- 4 Institute?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q As a transportation manager?
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 Q And to the right there's another W-2, indicating that you
- 9 received money from the Huntington Theatre Company in the
- 10 amount of \$5,105; correct?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q And would that be the income that you earned as an intern
- 13 for the Huntington Theatre Company?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q For the season in 2009; correct?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q And the bottom, if we may go to the bottom, is a W-2 from
- 18 MIT, your school; is that correct?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q And it shows income in the amount of \$1214 and change;
- 21 correct?
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q And would that be the income that you earned in their
- 24 theater department while working?
- 25 A Yes.

- 1 Q Now, if we can go to the next page, Bates number 194, this
- 2 is another W-2 that's attached to your tax return for 2009; is
- 3 it not?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q And it shows your employer as Waimana Enterprises;
- 6 correct?
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 Q That's your father's company.
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q And the amount of pay indicated was actually in the lower
- 11 box. I can't read the number. Number 5. Shows \$52,108, does
- 12 it not?
- 13 A It does.
- 14 Q And how were those payments being made to you?
- 15 A I'm sorry?
- 16 Q Did you get them by direct deposit?
- 17 A Oh.
- 18 Q Did you receive a check?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q How would you actually receive the money?
- 21 A Direct deposit.
- 22 Q And, finally, if we can look at the last page, this
- 23 appears to be an envelope, does it not?
- 24 A It does.
- 25 Q And the upper left-hand corner has a return address?

- 1 A It does.
- 2 Q And it says Providence, Rhode Island; correct?
- 3 A It does.
- 4 Q If I recall correctly, the date of the tax return was May
- 5 of 2010; correct?
- 6 A I think so, yes.
- 7 Q And you're a little younger than I am so you may be able
- 8 to do this. Can you look at the stamp date in the upper
- 9 right-hand corner there and tell us what date is on that stamp.
- 10 A July 15th.
- 11 Q Of 2010; correct?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q So would it be fair for us to conclude from that that, as
- 14 of July 15 of 2010, you were living in Providence, Rhode
- 15 Island?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q So you had moved from Massachusetts to Rhode Island.
- 18 A I had.
- 19 Q What brought about that move?
- 20 A I was beginning my master's program at the Rhode Island
- 21 School of Design.
- 22 Q Okay. And what kind of school is that?
- 23 A It's an art and design school.
- 24 Q And when did you attend the Rhode Island School of Design?
- 25 A From September 2010 until June of 2013.

- 1 Q And again how were you -- excuse me. Were you a full-time
- 2 student?
- 3 A Yes, I was.
- 4 Q And what was your major?
- 5 A Furniture design.
- 6 Q And did you obtain a degree?
- 7 A I did.
- 8 Q What was your degree in?
- 9 A Master's of Fine Arts.
- 10 Q When did you receive your degree?
- 11 A In 2013.
- 12 Q And again would the academic calendar have gone roughly
- 13 from September to December of each year and then January to
- 14 May, give or take?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q And I believe you said that your degree was actually in
- 17 furniture design?
- 18 A It was, yes.
- 19 Q Can you explain to the jury what's involved in furniture
- 20 design.
- 21 A We take an object that we'd like to design. We imagine
- 22 it. We draft it. We either construct it ourselves, or we work
- 23 with outside manufacturers a lot of times, and we produce these
- 24 pieces.
- 25 Q And who paid for your tuition at the Rhode Island School

- 1 of Design?
- 2 A I believe Waimana did.
- 3 Q You did not personally pay for it, did you?
- 4 A No, I didn't.
- 5 Q And did you live on campus?
- 6 A No. I lived off campus.
- 7 Q And who paid the rent for your housing?
- 8 A Waimana.
- 9 Q And who paid the expenses that you incurred while you were
- 10 a student at Rhode Island School of Design?
- 11 A I mostly paid for them myself.
- 12 Q Were you receiving a salary from --
- 13 A I was.
- 14 Q -- Waimana Enterprises?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q While a full-time student; is that correct?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q Now, while you were a student at Rhode Island School of
- 19 Design, did there come a time when you attended an institute
- 20 called the WoodenBoat School?
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 O Where is that institution located?
- 23 A It's in Maine.
- 24 Q And when did you attend that school?
- 25 A One of the summers that I was there.

- 1 Q Okay. Let me show you a document that may help you. It
- 2 should be in your binder. It's Exhibit 4-82Q.
- May we display that, please. The second page,
- 4 please.
- 5 Actually, let's start with the first page, please.
- Do you have that in front of you, Miss Hee?
- 7 A No. I'm not quite sure where it is.
- 8 Q Okay. Well, let's look at the screen.
- 9 Can you read that check?
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q And the date on the check appears to be February 18, 2011.
- 12 Does that refresh your memory of when you think you attended
- 13 the WoodenBoat School?
- 14 A That summer, I believe, yes.
- 15 Q And it's a check drawn on Waimana Enterprises' account
- 16 made payable to the school in the amount of \$2,000; is that
- 17 correct?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q And the memo indicates that it was a deposit for you; is
- 20 that correct?
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 Q Now, if I can look at the next page, let's direct your
- 23 attention there. This is an application that you filled out;
- 24 is that correct?
- 25 A Yes.

- 1 Q Is that your handwriting?
- 2 A That is.
- 3 Q It has that sort of block design. I guess people in
- 4 architecture tend to do that; is that correct?
- 5 A Yes, they do.
- 6 Q And, basically, it asks for information about you, and you
- 7 said you were living in Providence, Rhode Island; correct?
- 8 A Uh-huh.
- 9 Q And your occupation was "student"; correct?
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q Now, may we see the bottom part where Miss Hee wrote in
- 12 her experience.
- This is your handwriting; correct?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q And it was in response to a question asking you to set out
- 16 the experience and how it would relate to your studies;
- 17 correct?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q And you said you were completing a master's degree in
- 20 furniture design; correct?
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 Q Okay. Now, let's look at the upper right, and maybe you
- 23 can describe what courses you were taking.
- 24 A It says Fundamentals of Boat Building and Build Your Own
- 25 Northeaster Dory.

- 1 Q Can you describe what those courses were about.
- 2 A I only took actually the first course, and they brought
- 3 you through the traditional methods of wooden boat building.
- 4 Q And you spent the summer in Maine; is that correct?
- 5 A Two weeks.
- 6 Q Two weeks. Now, after spending the two weeks in Maine in
- 7 2011, I assume you returned to the Rhode Island School of
- 8 Design; correct?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q Let me ask you to look at Exhibit 4-86. And if we could
- 11 blow up the top half, please.
- 12 This is a document -- go ahead and look in your
- 13 binder, if you'd like.
- 14 A I don't seem to have any of the 80s, but --
- 15 Q Okay. Are you able to read it from where you are?
- 16 A No, I'm not.
- 17 Q Okay.
- 18 THE COURT: We can give you the document. Hold on.
- 19 And you might be able to read it now. They kind of
- 20 have a better blowup.
- 21 THE WITNESS: Thank you.
- 22 BY MR. TONG:
- 23 Q Are you able to see that document now?
- 24 A Yes.
- 25 Q Okay. And it's a document from your dad's company;

- 1 correct?
- 2 A Yes, it is.
- 3 Q And it talks about the compensation and benefits paid for
- 4 the period July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011; correct?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q That's an entire fiscal year; correct?
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 Q And the employee name is you; is that correct?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q The hire date is the 2006 date that we earlier discussed
- 11 when you went on salary at 24,000 a year; is that correct?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q And under compensation there is a total paid by the
- 14 company of \$57,999; is that correct?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q And for the July 2010 through June 30, 2011 period you
- 17 were at the Rhode Island School of Design; is that correct?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q Pursuing your Master's Of Fine Arts; correct?
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 Q And this document says that your compensation was based on
- 22 pay for 2,008 hours worked for the company, does it not?
- 23 A It says that, yes.
- 24 Q But you were physically in Rhode Island; correct?
- 25 A I was.

- 1 Q And you didn't devote 2,008 hours of your time to company
- 2 business during that calendar year, did you?
- 3 A No.
- 4 Q Now, if we can go to the bottom part of that document.
- 5 Maybe if we can just go from the health and retirement benefits
- 6 down, please.
- 7 Are you able to read that, or do you want us to blow
- 8 it up a little more?
- 9 A I think that's good.
- 10 Q Okay. This section is health and retirement benefits;
- 11 correct?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q And when you went on salary with Waimana, you remember
- 14 filling out some forms giving you certain benefits.
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q Do you recall the types of benefits that were given to
- 17 you?
- 18 A Medical and the retirement.
- 19 Q Okay. Life insurance as well?
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 Q Disability insurance?
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q And 401(K), the retirement that you mentioned; is that
- 24 correct?
- 25 A Yes.

- 1 Q And, basically, they're listed here under the column
- 2 Health and Retirement Benefits; correct?
- 3 A They are.
- 4 Q And the total paid is listed at \$22,284; correct?
- 5 A It is.
- 6 Q And that sort of comprised the fringe benefits that you
- 7 were receiving for being on Waimana's payroll; is that correct?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q And then the section below that, Employee Paid Deductions,
- 10 do you know what those relate to?
- 11 A The amount I paid. Right?
- 12 O I think you faded a little. I didn't hear it.
- 13 A The amount that I paid.
- 14 Q Oh, thank you. So those were the amounts that were taken
- out of your paycheck before the money was electronically
- 16 deposited to you in Rhode Island.
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q And it says at the bottom total compensation and benefits
- 19 for that year: \$85,364. Correct?
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 Q Okay. Miss Hee, I believe you testified that you obtained
- 22 your degree from Rhode Island School of Design in 2013;
- 23 correct?
- 24 A I did.
- 25 Q Have you had any employment in the East Coast since then?

- 1 A I have.
- 2 Q And are you presently employed on the East Coast?
- 3 A I am.
- 4 Q What is your employment?
- 5 A The company I work for?
- 6 Q Yes.
- 7 A David Stark Design & Production.
- 8 Q David Stark?
- 9 A Design & Production.
- 10 Q And how long have you had that particular position?
- 11 A Since October or November of last year.
- 12 Q 2014 to now.
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 Q So we would be looking at maybe seven months?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q Eight months?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q And what do you do for the David Stark Design & Production
- 19 Company?
- 20 A I'm an associate technical designer.
- 21 Q I probably should ask what the company itself does.
- 22 A We produce a variety of events from the design through the
- 23 production, such as charitable galas like the Robin Hood
- 24 Foundation the New York Public Library puts on. We also do
- 25 private events for corporations like Bridgewater. And we do

- 1 product launches for companies like JC Penney's and Target.
- 2 Q So you do design and production work to make these special
- 3 events even more special.
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q And I gather that would be something that your degrees in
- 6 furniture design and architectural studies would help; is that
- 7 correct?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q And prior to your position with the David Stark Design &
- 10 Production Company, where did you work?
- 11 A I worked at Parsons, a new school for design.
- 12 Q And where is the Parsons School for Design located?
- 13 A It's in Manhattan.
- 14 Q And what does the Parsons School for Design do?
- 15 A It's an educational institute specifically for design.
- 16 Q What was your position with the Parsons School?
- 17 A I was a technician there.
- 18 Q And what does a technician at the Parsons School do?
- 19 A We make sure that the students know how to properly use
- 20 the equipment.
- 21 Q And how long did you have that particular position?
- 22 A From January of that year until I left for David Stark.
- 23 Q So that would be January of 2014 up until November of 2014
- 24 when you took another position.
- 25 A Yes.

- 1 Q Have you also worked at a company called Puppet Heap?
- 2 A Yes, I did an internship there.
- 3 Q Tell us what Puppet Heap does.
- 4 A They produce puppets for film and television. So they
- 5 have the contract with Disney to make The Muppets.
- 6 Q And where is Puppet Heap located?
- 7 A It's in Hoboken, New Jersey.
- 8 Q And when did you work for Puppet Heap?
- 9 A From January till around June of that same year.
- THE COURT: It's Puppet Heap, H-e-a-p?
- 11 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- MR. TONG: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 13 Q So you had the job with Puppet Heap and the job with --
- 14 with the Parsons School at the same time.
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q So you were working part-time gigs simultaneously.
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q And I gather your background in design and architectural
- 19 studies was of assistance in your employment at Puppet Heap.
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 O In what way?
- 22 A The owner there really wanted to incorporate more
- 23 computer-aided fabrication methods. The puppets are
- 24 traditionally sculpted by hand, and he wanted to try and bring
- 25 in computer processes like CNC milling and 3D printing to see

- 1 if it would create a more economical product.
- 2 Q Now, Miss Hee, you actually have a website, do you not?
- 3 A I do.
- 4 Q And your website sets out information about your
- 5 background and your many accomplishments, does it not?
- 6 A I believe it does.
- 7 Q Okay. And one of the things that appears on your website
- 8 is a resume; correct?
- 9 A If it's still there, yes.
- 10 Q Okay. Well, maybe you can turn to the binder to your
- 11 left, the thinner one, and look at Exhibit 24C, as in Charlie.
- Do you have that document in front of you,
- 13 Miss Hee?
- 14 A I do.
- 15 Q And is that the resume that you posted online?
- 16 A Looks like it.
- 17 Q Okay. What -- if you're not sure, please feel free to
- 18 take a minute and review it.
- 19 A Yeah.
- 20 Q That's your resume; correct?
- 21 A It was mine at the time of posting, yes.
- 22 Q When was this posted?
- 23 A I don't remember. I haven't touched that website in a
- 24 while.
- 25 Q But we're talking what, in the last two years or so?

- 1 A I think, yeah, around the time I graduated.
- 2 Q Okay. Well, I mean, look at the section entitled
- 3 "Experience." Do you see that?
- 4 A Uh-huh.
- 5 Q And it identifies your most recent experience as working
- 6 as a part-time technician for the Parsons School; correct?
- 7 A It does.
- 8 Q And it gives the time of employment as 2014 to present;
- 9 correct?
- 10 A Yes, it does.
- 11 Q So would it be fair to assume that this version of the
- 12 resume was prepared in 2014 or later?
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 Q Okay. And there's a section with education; correct?
- 15 A There is.
- 16 O And is it true that that section identifies each of the
- institutions that you've testified about this morning?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q Rhode Island School of Design?
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 Q MIT?
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q Arizona State University?
- 24 A Yes.
- 25 Q And WoodenBoat School; correct?

- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q Then there's a section called "Experience"; is there not?
- 3 A There is.
- 4 MR. TONG: Your Honor, I have another copy. I'm
- 5 sorry. May I hand this to Miss Fujinaga.
- 6 THE COURT: Thank you.
- 7 Q And, Miss Hee, under "Experience" you essentially listed
- 8 your jobs; is that right?
- 9 A Not all of them, but some of them, yes.
- 10 Q Okay. And it included Parsons.
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q Let me count how many first. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9,
- 13 10, it lists 11 different employments, does it not?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q And it included Parsons; correct?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q Working for the Furniture Design Master Thesis Show for a
- 18 company called the New Clarity; correct?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q Working for the Rhode Island School of Design Furniture
- 21 Department?
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q Working for MIT Mechanical Engineering Department?
- 24 A Yes.
- 25 Q Working for the Huntington Theatre Company; correct?

- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q That's one of the ones we already discussed; correct?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q Working for the Boston University's Tanglewood Institute;
- 5 correct?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q That was for one summer in 2009; correct?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q Working for the MIT Theatre Company; correct?
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q That's what we discussed also earlier.
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q Working for the MIT Architecture Department; correct?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q Working for the Archaeological Institute of America; is
- 16 that correct?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q And all of those were from 2006 through 2014; correct?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q And then we have an entry here that says you worked for
- 21 Sandwich Isles Communications; is that correct?
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q And the term that you put down for the period in which you
- 24 were employed was 2004 through 2008 summers; is that correct?
- 25 A Yes.

- 1 Q And what position did you indicate you held with Sandwich
- 2 Isles Communications during those summers?
- 3 A That I was a workhand.
- 4 Q Did you describe the duties that you performed on behalf
- 5 of that company?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q And what did you say?
- 8 A It says: Operated heavy machinery, including bulldozers,
- 9 tractors, and skid steer loaders, charged with the upkeep of a
- 10 3,000-square-foot nursery, and the implementation of an
- 11 irrigation system.
- 12 Q And there's no reference on your resume to any employment
- 13 with Sandwich Isles Communications other than the summers of
- 14 2004 through 2008; is that correct?
- 15 A Not this one, no.
- 16 Q Well, you also have a LinkedIn, don't you?
- 17 A I do.
- 18 Q And LinkedIn is like an online resume, too, is it not?
- 19 A It is.
- 20 Q And on that resume you listed all of your jobs; correct?
- 21 A Not all of them. The ones I chose, yes.
- 22 Q The ones you chose. And you listed Sandwich Isles as a
- 23 workhand; correct?
- 24 A Yes.
- 25 Q And only for summer; correct?

- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q Now, Miss Hee, I want to direct your attention to July of
- 3 2010; so that would be right before you started at Rhode Island
- 4 School of Design.
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q Do you have that time in mind?
- 7 A Sure.
- 8 Q And do you recall the month of July?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q Okay. That's kind of a bad question. You remember your
- 11 sister, Liko, getting married?
- 12 A Oh, yes.
- 13 Q And that was on July 4th of 2010; is that correct?
- 14 A It was.
- 15 Q Were you present?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q Where was the wedding?
- 18 A It was here at Kamehameha at the chapel there.
- 19 Q And was there a reception?
- 20 A There was. At Bishop Museum.
- 21 Q And do you recall making a trip later in that same month?
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q And was the trip to Tahiti?
- 24 A It was.
- 25 Q And how did that trip come about?

- 1 A For a long time I'd been wanting to go to Tahiti; so I
- 2 proposed the idea of going to a festival named Heiva.
- 3 Q And tell us what the "Heiva" is.
- 4 A Heiva is the equivalent of the Tahitian Merry Monarch.
- 5 Q Okay. And so it was like a hula festival.
- 6 A Yes, their version.
- 7 Q Tahitian hula. I'm sorry, I spoke over you.
- 8 A Yes. Their version, yes.
- 9 Q And when you say you proposed that trip, what do you mean?
- 10 A I said I wanted to go to Tahiti and see Heiva.
- 11 Q And they also have craft fairs; correct?
- 12 A They do.
- 13 Q And your intent in going there was to see the Heiva and
- 14 the craft fairs; correct?
- 15 A Yes. That's what I wanted to do, yes.
- 16 Q And you also ultimately got a tattoo while you were there;
- 17 correct?
- 18 A I did.
- 19 Q And who went on that particular trip in July of 2010?
- 20 A My mother, my sister, and my brother.
- 21 Q So that would be Charlton Kupa'a Hee; your mother, Wendy
- 22 Roylo Hee; and your sister, Breanne Liko Hee.
- 23 A Yes.
- 24 Q Now, I think you said that Breanne had just gotten
- 25 married; correct?

- 1 A She did.
- 2 Q And her husband's name is?
- 3 A Mika Kane.
- 4 Q Also known as Jonathan Kane?
- 5 A Oh, yes.
- 6 Q I'm sure you all call him Mika, though; correct?
- 7 A (Nods head.)
- 8 Q But did he go on the trip with you?
- 9 THE COURT: Can you answer out loud.
- 10 THE WITNESS: Sorry. No nodding.
- 11 THE COURT: Right.
- 12 THE WITNESS: Sorry.
- THE COURT: So what was your answer?
- 14 THE WITNESS: Sorry. Yes, that's his name.
- THE COURT: Okay.
- 16 BY MR. TONG:
- 17 Q And how did you pay for that trip?
- 18 A I believe my father did.
- 19 Q Is it true that you used his credit card to book the trip?
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 Q And you mentioned earlier that you proposed the idea of
- 22 going there to see the -- is it Heiva?
- 23 A Yes. Heiva.
- 24 THE COURT: Can you spell it.
- 25 THE WITNESS: I believe it's H-e-i-v-a.

- 1 THE COURT: Thank you.
- THE WITNESS: Yes, Heiva.
- 3 BY MR. TONG:
- 4 Q Did there come a time when the idea of seeing a cable came
- 5 up?
- 6 A Yes. My father said that there was a company that he was
- 7 considering doing business with, and he wanted us to see a
- 8 landing site.
- 9 Q And landing site in lay terms is where the cable comes out
- 10 of the water?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 O And comes onto the land.
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 Q And the idea of seeing the cable came up after you
- 15 proposed the trip; is that correct?
- 16 A Sure.
- 17 Q I'm sorry?
- 18 A I mean, I don't recall the exact conversation, but, yes,
- 19 I'm sure.
- 20 Q Just so we're clear: you proposed the trip first.
- 21 Correct?
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q Then the idea --
- 24 A And then he said to go and see the cable after, yes.
- 25 Q I mean, it wasn't your idea to go there solely to see the

- 1 cable; right?
- 2 A No.
- 3 Q And when you got there, did you try to see this cable
- 4 landing site?
- 5 A We did.
- 6 Q And how did you do that?
- 7 A We rented a car and drove to the other side of the island
- 8 to the spot that we were told was the site of the landing.
- 9 Q And was the location of the cable marked in some way?
- 10 A Not that we could see.
- 11 Q Did you find the cable?
- 12 A No.
- 13 Q And did you have anyone to guide you to see the cable?
- 14 A No. My father told us the location that it was supposed
- 15 to come out of the water; so we drove there, and we looked.
- 16 Q And when you say "we," who was in this rental car trying
- 17 to find this cable landing?
- 18 A My mother, my brother, and my sister and I.
- 19 Q So the four of you.
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 Q And in your studies at Rhode Island, you didn't study
- 22 anything about cables, did you?
- 23 A No.
- 24 Q That wasn't a trick question. I was just trying to make
- 25 sure. I mean, furniture design is a different field from

- 1 inspecting, say, fiber optic cable; correct?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q After your Tahiti trip did you return to Hawai'i?
- 4 A I believe so, yes.
- 5 Q Do you recall going to Walt Disney World later that same
- 6 month?
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 Q About how long after the Tahiti trip was that?
- 9 A I'm not sure. All I know it was the same summer.
- 10 Q By the way, the Tahiti trip, how long did that last?
- 11 A A week.
- 12 Q And the four of you were present the entire time?
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 Q And who paid for the trip?
- 15 A I used my father's credit card.
- 16 Q Okay. Moving forward again to Disney World, you say that
- 17 you went to Disney World later that month; correct?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q Who did you go to Disney World with?
- 20 A My sister, her husband, and a friend of mine.
- 21 O And the husband would be Jonathan Mika Kane.
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q So was that sort of like a delayed honeymoon for the
- 24 July 4, 2010 wedding?
- 25 A I never thought of it that way because I was present.

- 1 That would be a little awkward, but I suppose.
- 2 Q And how did you folks pay for that particular trip?
- 3 A My father also gave us his card.
- 4 Q And who made the arrangements?
- 5 A I did.
- 6 Q All right. And if I can direct you to an exhibit, Exhibit
- 7 4-33. Do you have that in the binder there?
- And if we can go to page 3797, please. And if we can
- 9 focus on the charges at the bottom.
- 10 Miss Hee, do you see the document that's on the
- 11 screen right now?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q This is Exhibit 4-33, page 3797. There's a number in the
- 14 corner there. And I'm using the laser to point to a charge on
- 15 June the 29th of 2010 --
- 16 A Uh-huh.
- 17 Q -- for Disney reservations and lodging; is that correct?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q You recall making arrangements for lodging at the Disney
- 20 complex using your dad's card?
- 21 A I do.
- 22 Q And the charge was \$4,789 and change; is that correct?
- 23 A It is.
- 24 Q Does that sounds about right in terms of a charge that you
- 25 incurred during that trip?

- 1 A Yeah, seems right.
- 2 Q And two items down but on the same date there's another
- 3 charge for Disney reservations/lodging; is that correct?
- 4 A There seems to be, yes.
- 5 Q And that was for \$2,369 and change; is that correct?
- 6 A It is, yes.
- 7 Q When you went to Disney, did -- did you have two different
- 8 rooms?
- 9 A We did.
- 10 Q One for you and your friend.
- 11 A Uh-huh.
- 12 Q And one for the newlyweds.
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 Q And if we can go to the next page, please. And if we
- 15 could look at -- may I have one moment, Your Honor.
- If we could see the bottom third of the page, please.
- Directing your attention, Miss Hee, to a charge on
- 18 July the 6th that says "WDW dine tickets." Do you see that
- 19 charge?
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 Q For \$271; is that correct?
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q Do you recall purchasing Walt Disney World dining tickets
- 24 when you were there in Disney World?
- 25 A I think we booked a package.

- 1 Q And the package included various services for what we call
- 2 the Magic Kingdom, I guess?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q That would include dining; is that correct?
- 5 A Yes. It included meals.
- 6 Q And would it also include, if I can point up two entries
- 7 higher, July 4th tickets to the amusement park; is that
- 8 correct?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q Do you recall buying tickets for admission to the
- 11 different Disney parks?
- 12 A I remember it being part of the package, yes.
- 13 Q So we're clear, Disney World is the one that has different
- 14 parks; right?
- 15 A It's the one in Florida, yes.
- 16 Q Right. But, I mean, there are different parks with
- 17 different entrances; is that right?
- 18 A Yes. But I think the one in California has two parks now;
- 19 so --
- 20 Q And Disney World, I think, has even more, as I recall. Is
- 21 that your recollection?
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q So you would buy tickets that, basically, give you the
- 24 right to enter the park; is that correct?
- 25 A Yes.

- 1 Q And ride the rides.
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q All of the entertainment rides and other things; correct?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 MR. TONG: Your Honor, may I have a moment?
- 6 THE COURT: Okay.
- 7 (Counsel conferring.)
- 8 MR. TONG: I have nothing further, Your Honor.
- 9 THE COURT: Okay. Hold on.
- 10 MR. TOSCHER: May it please the Court. Ladies and
- 11 gentlemen of the jury. Good morning.
- 12 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 13 BY MR. TOSCHER:
- 14 Q Good morning, Miss Hee.
- 15 A Good morning.
- 16 Q Miss Hee, will you describe your understanding of the
- 17 nature of the business of Waimana Enterprises, Sandwich Isles,
- 18 and Clearcom Communications.
- 19 A Sure. They're utility companies. Waimana was originally
- 20 started as a hydroelectric company when my father was doing a
- 21 project in Kawaihae, Sandwich Isles is a telecom company that
- 22 operates on Hawaiian Homelands, and ClearCom is also a telecom
- 23 company, but it operates off of Hawaiian Homes.
- 24 Q Could you tell the jury what your understanding is of the
- 25 primary mission of the group of companies.

- 1 A The mission of the group is to serve the native Hawaiians
- 2 on these homelands.
- 3 O And serve them in what way?
- 4 A When the government issued the lands, they're very
- 5 scattered, and a lot of them are in less desirable areas. And
- 6 so they're spread out across the islands. And at the time the
- 7 telephone companies here found it uneconomical to go into these
- 8 areas because there wasn't a high enough density of population
- 9 to make money, and so these companies were started to provide
- 10 service to these areas that would not have service otherwise.
- 11 Q What is Paniolo Cable Company?
- MR. TONG: Your Honor, this is beyond the scope.
- MR. TOSCHER: Your Honor, it relates to the overall
- 14 business.
- 15 THE COURT: I can't see that it's on her resume; so I
- 16 don't think she was asked to describe the overall business.
- 17 I'll sustain the objection.
- 18 BY MR. TOSCHER:
- 19 Q Miss Hee, are you now an owner of Waimana Enterprises?
- 20 A Yes, through a trust.
- 21 Q Do you have an understanding why your involvement of the
- 22 company is important to the mission of Sandwich Isles?
- 23 MR. TONG: Objection. Calls for hearsay.
- 24 THE COURT: Sustained.
- 25 BY MR. TOSCHER:

- 1 Q Miss Hee, you testified you're currently on salary with
- Waimana; is that correct?
- 3 A Yes, I am.
- 4 Q Let me go back to when you first started working for
- 5 Waimana or Sandwich Isles. Mr. Tong referenced it going
- 6 through one of your resumes.
- 7 Do you know when you first started working for
- 8 Waimana or Sandwich Isles?
- 9 A In the summer when I was in high school.
- 10 Q Okay. And tell us the nature of the work you did while
- 11 you were there.
- 12 A At the time we had just acquired the property in Mililani,
- 13 and so it was still very raw. It used to be a pineapple
- 14 plantation. So I'd go there and I'd take the tractor out, and
- 15 I'd cut the grass.
- 16 Q Did your other siblings work there with you?
- 17 A They did.
- 18 Q Initially, or did they come later?
- 19 A I think they came slightly later, yes.
- 20 Q Did you ever while you were there supervise other
- 21 employees?
- 22 A I did, yes.
- 23 Q Will you tell the jury, what is the Mililani property
- 24 referred to? What is its name?
- 25 A We call it the NOC, the Network Operation Center.

- 1 Q Can you tell the jury how this fits in with the business
- 2 of the companies.
- 3 MR. TONG: Again, objection. Foundation. Calls for
- 4 hearsay.
- 5 THE COURT: "Fits in with the business of the
- 6 companies."
- 7 MR. TOSCHER: Your Honor, if -- I'll wait for you to
- 8 ask me if you want me to respond.
- 9 THE COURT: I'm sustaining this objection.
- 10 MR. TOSCHER: You're sustaining the objection.
- 11 THE COURT: Yes.
- 12 BY MR. TOSCHER:
- 13 Q Okay. Could you tell the jury what the purpose is of the
- 14 Mililani property.
- 15 MR. TONG: Same objection, Your Honor. Foundation
- 16 and hearsay.
- 17 MR. TOSCHER: Your Honor, could we have a sidebar. I
- 18 think --
- 19 THE COURT: No, you can't have a sidebar. I don't
- 20 know that this falls within the scope of the direct exam
- 21 either; so I'm not going to let her answer.
- MR. TOSCHER: Okay.
- 23 Q Miss Hee, even before you started working for the company,
- 24 while you were in high school did you have an understanding
- 25 that you would become a part of the company?

- 1 MR. TONG: Objection, Your Honor. That does call for
- 2 hearsay.
- 3 THE COURT: Sustained.
- 4 MR. TOSCHER: Your Honor, may I address the Court?
- 5 I'm not asking -- I would like just to state my opposition to
- 6 the objections because I don't think it does call for hearsay.
- 7 We're asking what the witness' understanding is, not what
- 8 somebody told them.
- 9 THE COURT: I'll do this. She can answer yes or no
- 10 whether she had an understanding about what, if any, role she
- 11 would play, but it's a yes or no. Then you ask the next
- 12 question. We'll go from there.
- MR. TOSCHER: Okay.
- 14 Q Even before you started working for the company did you
- 15 have an understanding that you'd be part of the business?
- 16 A Yes. Sorry.
- 17 THE COURT: Okay. Fine.
- THE WITNESS: I'm sorry.
- 19 THE COURT: What's the next question?
- 20 MR. TOSCHER: Okay.
- 21 THE COURT: I had actually wanted you to ask whether
- 22 you would be part of the business because otherwise you're
- 23 building in her understanding into the question, and that's why
- 24 I wanted you to go step by step.
- 25 MR. TOSCHER: I apologize, Your Honor.

- 1 THE COURT: What's the next question?
- 2 BY MR. TOSCHER:
- 3 Q When you were working in high school, Miss Hee, were you
- 4 paid by the hour?
- 5 A I was.
- 6 Q And do you recall when you were first placed on salary?
- 7 A In 2006.
- 8 Q What was your understanding as to why you were put on
- 9 salary?
- 10 MR. TONG: Objection. That calls for hearsay.
- MR. TOSCHER: Same --
- 12 THE COURT: I know. But, you know, to the extent
- 13 that her understanding is based on what somebody else told her,
- 14 I'm not going to let her answer. If you want to lay a
- 15 foundation that she had some independent way to know this, you
- 16 can go ahead and do that. I'm sustaining this objection.
- 17 MR. TOSCHER: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 18 Q When you were placed on salary, Miss Hee, it was after you
- 19 had already started at MIT?
- 20 A It was, yes.
- 21 Q And were you told what -- why you were placed on salary?
- THE COURT: This is a yes or no.
- MR. TOSCHER: Yes, I understand.
- 24 THE COURT: A yes or no. Okay. That's all you have
- 25 to say.

- 1 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- THE COURT: All right.
- 3 BY MR. TOSCHER:
- 4 Q And did you understand when you were put on salary that
- 5 you had certain obligations to the company?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 MR. TONG: Again I object and move to strike the
- 8 answer.
- 9 THE COURT: Sustained. Right. Stricken. Disregard
- 10 her answer.
- 11 Unless you can lay a foundation that she had an
- 12 independent source that doesn't rely on what somebody told her,
- 13 I'm not going to let her answer.
- 14 MR. TOSCHER: I understand, Your Honor. I think this
- is offered for what her understanding is, and I don't
- 16 believe -- with all due respect, Your Honor, I don't think it's
- 17 a hearsay issue. I think it's important as to what Miss Hee's
- 18 understanding of what her role and whether -- she would learn
- 19 it, of course, through a number of sources.
- 20 THE COURT: Okay. You can lay a foundation about the
- 21 source of her understanding. We might have to consider
- 22 relevance issues, depending how she answers. But unless I know
- 23 that the source of her understanding is not what somebody told
- 24 her, I'm not going to let her answer. So you can go ahead and
- 25 lay a foundation if you want, and then she may be able to

- 1 answer some things.
- 2 BY MR. TOSCHER:
- 3 Q Miss Hee, these understandings -- your understandings, was
- 4 that based upon discussions you had with other people?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q And did that include discussions with your father?
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 Q Now, at the time you were put on salary, you were
- 9 attending MIT.
- 10 A I was.
- 11 Q Was there a reason you chose MIT?
- 12 A There was.
- 13 Q Could you tell the jury what that reason was.
- 14 A My father told me a story in high school that he had
- 15 actually wanted to go to MIT, and his football coach told him,
- 16 "Nah, Hawaiians, they don't go to MIT. You should go to the
- 17 Naval Academy." So that's why I wanted to go.
- 18 Q Now, at the time you were -- started to become put on
- 19 salary when you were at MIT, did you understand that you were
- in a management training program?
- 21 MR. TONG: Objection. Hearsay.
- 22 THE COURT: Sustained. You cannot answer.
- 23 MR. TOSCHER: Your Honor, I just want to tell the
- 24 witness I'm going to go at it another way, but listen for the
- 25 court's objection because I'm not trying to --

- 1 THE COURT: I know.
- 2 MR. TOSCHER: I'm trying my best.
- 3 THE COURT: We're threading our way here, yeah.
- 4 MR. TOSCHER: Yeah, and I'm -- I don't want to --
- 5 okay.
- 6 Q Did somebody tell you you were in a management training
- 7 program?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q Okay. What was your understanding of your obligations
- 10 when you were employed and in the management training program?
- 11 THE COURT: Okay.
- 12 MR. TONG: Again I object. It calls for a recitation
- of an out-of-court statement. Hearsay.
- 14 MR. TOSCHER: Your Honor, but not offered for the
- 15 truth of the assertion but what her understanding is.
- 16 THE COURT: On that point I'm not sure that you're
- 17 really drawing a distinction. Sustained.
- 18 MR. TOSCHER: But just for the record, Your Honor,
- 19 it's offered for her understanding and state of mind.
- 20 THE COURT: I know. But it's not relevant what her
- 21 understanding was, unless you can show some connection to the
- 22 issues in this case. And to the extent that connection is
- 23 something someone told her, then I am concerned about the
- 24 hearsay.
- 25 MR. TOSCHER: Okay. And, Your Honor, we think --

- 1 okay. I'm not going to argue with the court.
- 2 Q Could you tell the jury what your obligations were after
- 3 being put on salary at Waimana?
- 4 MR. TONG: Your Honor, I object.
- 5 THE COURT: Same thing. Same ruling. You cannot
- 6 answer.
- 7 BY MR. TOSCHER:
- 8 Q Miss Hee, during the time you were on the East Coast and
- 9 attending school that was covered on Mr. Tong's examination,
- 10 did you attend some Waimana/SIC business-related activities?
- 11 A I did.
- 12 Q Do you recall going on a trip to Connecticut?
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 MR. TONG: Your Honor, I object. That's beyond the
- 15 scope.
- MR. TOSCHER: Your Honor, Mr. Tong covered a number
- 17 of trips about -- trying to infer that she wasn't doing things
- 18 regarding business.
- 19 THE COURT: Okay. I need to stop. When was the
- 20 trip?
- 21 MR. TOSCHER: The question from the court was when
- 22 was the Connecticut trip?
- THE COURT: Yes. When was the trip?
- 24 THE WITNESS: It was while I was on the mainland.
- THE COURT: Do you remember the year?

- 1 THE WITNESS: I remember meeting my father.
- THE COURT: Hold on. Hold on. Not the question.
- 3 THE WITNESS: Sorry. No, the year.
- 4 THE COURT: Do you remember -- if you don't remember,
- 5 that's okay.
- 6 THE WITNESS: I don't remember the year. I'm sorry.
- 7 THE COURT: Unless you can lay a foundation, it is
- 8 beyond the scope. Sustained.
- 9 BY MR. TOSCHER:
- 10 Q Miss Hee, do you recall where you were living at the time
- 11 of the Connecticut trip?
- 12 A I recall I was living in Providence, I believe.
- 13 Q Providence.
- 14 A I believe it was in Providence.
- 15 Q I'm just trying to get a date for the Judge, who wants to
- 16 have relevance. And that would have been a time that you were
- 17 attending the --
- 18 A Rhode Island School of Design.
- 19 MR. TOSCHER: Your Honor, with that I'm going to ask
- 20 the question again.
- 21 Q Did you go on a trip with your father to Connecticut
- 22 during that period of time?
- 23 MR. TONG: Objection. Relevance. Beyond the
- 24 scope.
- 25 MR. TOSCHER: Your Honor, it's --

- 1 THE COURT: He definitely asked about trips. I don't
- 2 think, though, that that opens the door to every trip she ever
- 3 took. I mean, it's his direct; so he gets to limit the scope
- 4 as he pleases. You can call her as a witness in your case in
- 5 chief if you want and ask her all manner of things, as you
- 6 know, without being limited to the scope of what he does.
- 7 Sustained.
- 8 MR. TOSCHER: Okay. So the Court's ruling at this
- 9 point anything regarding a trip, regardless of how we think
- 10 it's relevant, if Mr. Tong did not question the witness --
- 11 THE COURT: Unless you can show me how it falls
- 12 within the scope of his direct -- and by that I mean it can't
- 13 just be another trip just because he asked about a few trips.
- 14 So, yes, I'm going to disallow -- but you're free to call
- 15 her.
- 16 MR. TOSCHER: I understand. Let me just respond and
- 17 tell you why I believe it is --
- 18 THE COURT: I --
- 19 MR. TOSCHER: No? Okay. Then I won't respond.
- THE COURT: Okay.
- 21 MR. TOSCHER: I will follow the Court's wishes.
- 22 Q Could you describe for the jury, while you were in school
- 23 at MIT or Rhode Island, the types of Waimana or SIC business
- 24 activities you were engaged in.
- 25 A Yes. While I was in school, I would go down to

- 1 Washington, D.C., or New York or Connecticut or a suburb of
- 2 Boston to attend different meetings that Waimana had there.
- 3 Q Okay. And == all right. And was your father at those
- 4 meetings with you?
- 5 A He was.
- 6 Q Were you ever given any materials to prepare before you
- 7 went -- to read, review before you went on those meetings?
- 8 MR. TONG: Objection, Your Honor. Relevance and
- 9 beyond the scope.
- 10 THE COURT: I'm going to allow this one. It's a yes
- 11 or no, though.
- 12 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 13 BY MR. TOSCHER:
- 14 Q Okay. Let me turn to a trip which Mr. Tong did cover, and
- 15 that was the trip to Tahiti.
- 16 You mentioned that after you had raised the issue you
- 17 wanted to go, you learned or your father told you that he
- 18 wanted to look -- you to look for a cable landing; is that
- 19 correct?
- 20 A That's correct.
- 21 Q Okay. Did he -- do you remember -- could you tell us a
- 22 little bit more about that. Why was the cable landing relevant
- 23 to the Waimana business?
- MR. TONG: Objection. That calls for the recitation
- 25 of a hearsay statement. Plus foundation.

- 1 THE COURT: Okay. Sustained.
- 2 BY MR. TOSCHER:
- 3 Q Do you know the business reason why or what kind of
- 4 business Waimana would be doing with a Tahitian company, Miss
- 5 Hee?
- 6 THE COURT: Hold on.
- 7 MR. TONG: Objection. Foundation. Beyond the scope.
- 8 Relevance. And calls for hearsay.
- 9 MR. TOSCHER: Your Honor, I asked her "Did she know?"
- 10 THE COURT: That assumes there was the thing that
- 11 you're asking whether she knew; so sustained.
- 12 MR. TOSCHER: Okay.
- 13 Q Miss Hee, did you engage in any business activities
- 14 related to Waimana when you were in Tahiti?
- MR. TONG: Objection. Foundation as to knowledge of
- 16 what is business and what isn't on her part.
- 17 THE COURT: I'm going to let you answer yes or no.
- THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 19 BY MR. TOSCHER:
- 20 Q And would you tell the jury what those activities were.
- 21 MR. TONG: Objection, Your Honor. Foundation. And
- 22 it's based on a hearsay statement. Also beyond the scope.
- MR. TOSCHER: Your Honor --
- 24 THE COURT: I don't think it's beyond the scope.
- 25 MR. TOSCHER: It's based upon what she did when she

- 1 was there, Your Honor.
- 2 THE COURT: Other than looking for this cable
- 3 landing, this is a yes or no. Did you do any other work that
- 4 you thought was work you were doing for Waimana?
- 5 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 6 THE COURT: Okay. Go ahead.
- 7 BY MR. TOSCHER:
- 8 Q Will you tell the jury what the other activity was
- 9 relating to Waimana.
- 10 A We looked for the headquarters of a company named Honotua.
- 11 Q Can you explain your understanding as to why you were
- 12 looking for the headquarters of Honotua?
- MR. TONG: Again, Your Honor, foundation. And it's
- 14 based on a hearsay statement.
- 15 THE COURT: Sustained.
- 16 BY MR. TOSCHER:
- 17 Q Did your father go on this trip to Tahiti with you,
- 18 Miss Hee?
- 19 A No, he didn't.
- 20 Q Regarding the two areas you just mentioned, the cable
- 21 landing and the location of the company Honotua, did you have
- 22 discussions with your father about that before you went on the
- 23 trip?
- 24 A Yes.
- 25 Q Now, let me turn to the other trip Mr. Tong talked about:

- 1 the Orlando Disney World trip. Did you engage in any
- 2 business-related activities on that trip?
- 3 A We went to see --
- 4 MR. TONG: Well, I object --
- 5 THE COURT: Hold on. Just a yes or no.
- 6 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry.
- 7 BY MR. TOSCHER:
- 8 Q Can you answer that yes or no, Miss Hee.
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q Could you tell the jury what those business-related
- 11 activities were.
- 12 MR. TONG: Same objection, Your Honor. It depends on
- 13 a hearsay statement: what was told to her as to what was
- 14 business and what was not. It's also beyond the -- well,
- 15 foundation and hearsay.
- 16 THE COURT: Okay. I'm going to sustain that
- 17 particular objection. What is not objectionable, because I
- 18 think the door was opened, is for you to ask her everything she
- 19 did. Okay. So --
- 20 MR. TOSCHER: Yes, Your Honor.
- 21 Q Could you summarize your activities when you were on the
- 22 trip to Orlando, please.
- 23 A We flew in. We landed. We stayed. We visited a number
- of the parks. One of them had a exhibit that was put on by
- 25 Raytheon. Can I keep going?

- 1 THE COURT: Yes. Keep going.
- THE WITNESS: Sorry. Raytheon, it's a company out of
- 3 Boston that's a big defense contractor, and we have business
- 4 with them.
- 5 BY MR. TOSCHER:
- 6 Q Anything else you can recall when you were there?
- 7 A We saw the area, and it was -- and how it used to be this
- 8 very deserted place, and that this resort really made that
- 9 whole town possible.
- 10 Q Right. Was there a reason you stayed there a whole week?
- 11 A I believe that was the length of the tour we booked.
- 12 Q Was your father on that trip with you?
- 13 A No, he wasn't.
- 14 Q I believe this was covered on direct, Miss Hee. Did you
- 15 receive a raise from Waimana when you graduated MIT?
- 16 A I did.
- 17 Q The -- now, you're receiving a full-time salary from
- 18 Waimana presently; is that correct?
- 19 A I am.
- 20 Q Would you explain to the jury why you've not come back to
- 21 Hawai'i and why you're also working these other jobs?
- 22 A The lifestyle here, it's a much slower pace, obviously,
- 23 than New York City. And right now in this point in my life I'm
- 24 not quite ready for that pace. I know that day will come, and
- 25 I expect it to come in 10 years or so. And so now I really

- 1 would like to experience as much as I can before I come home,
- 2 settle down, and just work here for the rest of my life.
- 3 Q If your father called you next week and said "Quit your
- 4 position in New York," would you come home?
- 5 MR. TONG: Objection. Beyond the scope of direct.
- 6 THE COURT: Sustained.
- 7 BY MR. TOSCHER:
- 8 Q Now, have any of your siblings come back to take a
- 9 day-to-day operational role in the companies?
- 10 MR. TONG: Objection. Relevance. Beyond the scope.
- 11 THE COURT: Okay. Sustained.
- 12 BY MR. TOSCHER:
- 13 Q Miss Hee, even though you're in New York, do you
- 14 frequently have discussions with other family members regarding
- 15 the business activities of Waimana?
- 16 MR. TONG: Objection. Relevance and beyond the
- 17 scope.
- 18 THE COURT: Sustained.
- 19 MR. TOSCHER: I have no further questions, Your
- 20 Honor.
- 21 THE COURT: Okay. Wait. Let's see if he has more.
- THE WITNESS: Oh, okay.
- 23 RE-DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 24 BY MR. TONG:
- 25 Q Miss Hee, this Raytheon exhibit that you visited at Disney

- 1 World, that's an exhibit within the park; is that correct?
- 2 A It is.
- 3 O And what does it show?
- 4 A I believe it's in, like, Tomorrowland or something. And
- 5 it was built awhile ago, and it was just to kind of highlight
- 6 Raytheon as a company.
- 7 Q So it, essentially, is Raytheon's opportunity to tell the
- 8 public the kind of products that they have; correct?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q And I gather because it's in Disney World, it was intended
- 11 to appeal to a broad group of people; correct?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q You would see grandmas and grandpas go to that exhibit;
- 14 right?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q Mothers and dads go there; right?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q Kids of all ages?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q So this wasn't like a special exhibit or offering offered
- 21 to you in connection with Waimana Enterprises; right?
- 22 A No.
- 23 Q Your park admission got you in; right?
- 24 A Yes.
- 25 Q Now, you testified very briefly about these trips that you

- 1 made while you were on the East Coast attending school;
- 2 correct?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q And all of those trips, essentially, you made with your
- 5 father; correct?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q And he, essentially, conducted some meetings; correct?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q And, essentially, your job was to watch what happened;
- 10 correct?
- 11 A I was to listen and to meet the parties involved and
- 12 understand how these things happen.
- 13 Q Okay. But you were a student, and you didn't give
- 14 presentations, did you.
- 15 A No.
- 16 Q And it sounds like the Tahiti trip was your idea, and then
- 17 the concept of the cable came up later; right?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q And is it true that in the grand jury you made the
- 20 statement that your father does not separate business from
- 21 personal?
- 22 A I did.
- 23 MR. TONG: Thank you. I have nothing further.
- 24 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Toscher, did you have any
- 25 more?

- 1 MR. TOSCHER: Your Honor, I just may come address the
- 2 Court. Since Mr. Tong questioned her about the trips that
- 3 occurred during this time that he didn't cover, will the Court
- 4 permit me now to go into those trips? They are -- and, if not,
- 5 then I will sit down.
- 6 THE COURT: No, I think he went into them; so -- but
- 7 he's following up on you. He found a way to tie them in; so
- 8 she did give some answers. He can follow up. You can follow
- 9 up, too.
- 10 MR. TOSCHER: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 11 THE COURT: Yeah, go ahead.
- 12 RE-CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 13 BY MR. TOSCHER:
- 14 Q Focusing on the Connecticut trip, Miss Hee, will you tell
- 15 the Court the purpose of that trip you took and how it related
- 16 to the business, please.
- MR. TONG: Well, again, Your Honor, that's -- I think
- 18 calls for a hearsay response.
- 19 MR. TOSCHER: She went on the trip, Your Honor.
- 20 THE COURT: Yes. But now you're asking her to say
- 21 the purpose of a trip, which it seems to me has to have as its
- 22 source somebody telling her something. Again, if you can lay a
- 23 foundation that it's not a hearsay problem --
- MR. TOSCHER: Okay.
- 25 THE COURT: -- I'm going to let you follow up.

- 1 MR. TOSCHER: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 2 THE COURT: But right now I don't have that.
- 3 BY MR. TOSCHER:
- 4 Q Okay. Tell us what you did on the trip to Connecticut,
- 5 Miss Hee.
- 6 A We drove up to a manufacturer of a fuel cell that we had
- 7 recently acquired here at a government auction, and we wanted
- 8 to bring it back to --
- 9 THE COURT: Hold on. Hold on. Just wanted to know
- 10 what you did, not your purpose. Okay?
- 11 THE WITNESS: Okay. Sorry.
- 12 THE COURT: So you told us what you did.
- 13 BY MR. TOSCHER:
- 14 Q And tell us why -- well, you visited the manufacturer.
- 15 What business was that manufacturer in?
- 16 A They manufacture and upkeep fuel cells.
- 17 Q And the purpose of visiting them, what kind of business
- 18 were you conducting with the fuel cell company, Miss Hee?
- 19 THE COURT: I'm sorry?
- 20 BY MR. TOSCHER:
- 21 Q What type of business were you attempting to conduct with
- 22 the fuel cell company you were visiting?
- 23 MR. TONG: I object. That assumes facts not in
- 24 evidence that she was intending to do anything.
- 25 MR. TOSCHER: I'm just asking what she was doing

- 1 there, Your Honor.
- THE COURT: Well, okay. But you're asking a little
- 3 more about this. I'll sustain that. You might be able to get
- 4 this in, if you lay a foundation.
- 5 BY MR. TOSCHER:
- 6 Q How do -- how does a fuel cell relate to the business of
- 7 Sandwich Isles?
- 8 A We purchased this fuel cell to, hopefully, power the
- 9 property, the NOC, and to power the switches there, which run
- 10 off of DC batteries. So we wanted to use the fuel cell to
- 11 power the batteries, and the batteries to power the switches
- 12 for the telecom system.
- 13 Q And why a fuel cell?
- 14 A Because it's more eco-friendly than burning petroleum, and
- 15 it also would allow us independence from the surges that would
- 16 occur through HECO and allow us a continuous source of power
- 17 for the telecom company, which is essential for communications.
- 18 Q During the period of time you were in school, Miss Hee,
- 19 did you attend trips -- did you go on trips to Washington,
- 20 D.C.?
- 21 MR. TONG: Your Honor, that's beyond the scope of
- 22 cross -- or redirect, rather.
- 23 THE COURT: Hold on. How much more do you think you
- 24 have? I only ask because we're at 10:30, and if you think you
- 25 have more than a minute, then I'm going to want to take a

- 1 break.
- 2 MR. TOSCHER: I think let's take a break, Your Honor.
- 3 THE COURT: Okay. So I'll see you folks in ten
- 4 minutes.
- 5 (Jury excused.)
- 6 THE COURT: Okay. So we're going to take a break,
- 7 but I did want to tell Mr. Toscher my courtroom manager says
- 8 that your colleague did notify her about your request to meet
- 9 early, 8:18 or something. I didn't hear about it until later;
- 10 so I thought you hadn't notified the Court earlier. But one
- 11 thing that might help is I'm not sure that Mr. Tong knew about
- 12 it at the same time; so if he's not here, then really I can't
- 13 proceed until he gets here.
- 14 MR. TOSCHER: Your Honor, for the record I notified
- 15 Mr. Tong and Mr. Harrington by e-mail before I even approached
- 16 the Court to see when their availability was.
- 17 THE COURT: Okay. So I guess they didn't pick it up.
- 18 MR. TONG: Oh, no, Your Honor. We responded
- 19 immediately.
- 20 MR. TOSCHER: Yeah, they did. They did, Your
- Honor.
- 22 MR. HARRINGTON: It was at about 8:10 or so we
- 23 received it.
- MR. TOSCHER: And we were all here at 8:45.
- 25 THE COURT: Yeah, yeah, but I don't know

- 1 because I know she came to talk to me at 8:45, and I don't
- 2 think they were here yet.
- 3 MR. TOSCHER: But, Your Honor, I will say I should
- 4 have done yesterday or earlier in the morning.
- 5 THE COURT: No, no, but I didn't realize that there
- 6 had been that at 8:18, which is enough time really. So thank
- 7 you. She's clarified that for me. If that was you, thank you.
- 8 Okay.
- 9 (Court recessed at 10:32 A.M., until 10:50 A.M.)
- 10 THE COURT: Okay. Almost done, though, I know. Go
- 11 ahead.
- MR. TOSCHER: May it please the Court. Ladies and
- 13 gentlemen. Your Honor, no further questions.
- 14 THE COURT: Okay. You're not disappointed, ladies
- and gentlemen of the jury, to hear that I'm sure.
- Okay. Did you have anything more?
- 17 MR. TONG: Oh, no, Your Honor.
- 18 THE COURT: Then the witness is excused. You can
- 19 leave the courtroom.
- 20 (Witness excused.)
- 21 THE COURT: And your next witness?
- 22 MR. HARRINGTON: Yes, Your Honor. If I could just
- 23 have one second.
- THE COURT: Okay.
- MR. HARRINGTON: Your Honor, we call Susan

- 1 Mitsuyoshi.
- THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.
- 3 (Witness photographed.)
- 4 THE COURT: Okay. So the courtroom manager stepped
- 5 out for an instant; so guess what? I'm going to swear you in.
- 6 Oh, here she is. Good. I was about to swear in the
- 7 witness. I hope I would do it correctly. But good, the expert
- 8 came back.
- 9 THE CLERK: Can't do anything without me.
- 10 Please raise your right hand.
- 11 (Witness sworn.)
- 12 THE CLERK: Thank you. Please be seated.
- 13 Please state your name and spell your last name.
- 14 THE WITNESS: My name is Susan Mitsuyoshi,
- M-i-t-s-u-y-o-s-h-i.
- 16 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 17 BY MR. HARRINGTON:
- 18 Q Good morning, Miss Mitsuyoshi. How are you?
- 19 A Good. Good morning.
- 20 Q Could you please tell us about your educational background
- 21 after high school.
- 22 A I have a bachelor's degree in elementary education at the
- 23 University of Hawai'i at Manoa.
- 24 Q And have you completed any other education after you
- obtained your bachelor's degree?

- 1 A I did. I've taken accounting courses, 24 credits of
- 2 accounting courses.
- 3 Q Where are you presently employed?
- 4 A I'm employed at the Internal Revenue Service here in
- 5 Honolulu.
- 6 Q And how long have you been employed at the Internal
- 7 Revenue Service?
- 8 A For about 28 years.
- 9 Q And what's your current title?
- 10 A My current title is an Internal Revenue Agent.
- 11 Q How long have you been an a Internal Revenue Agent?
- 12 A For 20 years.
- 13 Q Could you please tell the jury a little bit about the
- 14 duties of an Internal Revenue Agent with the Internal Revenue
- 15 Service?
- 16 A As an Internal Revenue Agent, I examine or audit income
- 17 tax returns, such as individuals, partnerships, and corporate
- 18 returns.
- 19 Q So could you talk a little bit about the process of
- 20 conducting an audit of a corporate or a personal return.
- 21 A We get assigned a case, and we look over the case file.
- 22 And then we contact the taxpayer, notifying them that they are
- 23 under audit, and request records in order for me to conduct the
- 24 audit.
- 25 Q And did you have to complete any training to become a

- 1 revenue agent?
- 2 A Yes, I did.
- 3 Q So what was that training?
- 4 A There were four phases of training.
- 5 Q So could you take us through the four phases, starting
- 6 with the first.
- 7 A Okay. That would be for individual tax returns, Form
- 8 1040, and then the next phase would be for business returns,
- 9 such as the Schedule C, self-employed businesses. The next
- 10 phase would be for corporations. And the last phase would be
- 11 for partnerships and S corporations.
- 12 Q And how long do those phases of training take?
- 13 A Usually, each phase is about four to six weeks.
- 14 Q And do you have to continue to take training while you're
- 15 a revenue agent?
- 16 A Yes, I do. Every year we are offered continuing
- 17 professional education up to 40 hours a year.
- 18 Q Okay. And what classes would you take as part of that
- 19 continuing education?
- 20 A Well, there are some mandatory courses that we need to
- 21 take, and it's usually what's current. For instance, we
- 22 usually take courses to learn about the current tax law
- 23 changes. And if there's anything new happening -- I'm sure
- 24 this year we have to take courses on the Affordable Care Act.
- 25 And then other than the mandatory, we get to choose other

- 1 courses we wanted to take.
- 2 Q And they would be tax-related courses?
- 3 A Yes, they would be.
- 4 Q So how long have you been involved in auditing information
- 5 for the Internal Revenue Service?
- 6 A Actually, prior to being a revenue agent, I was a tax
- 7 auditor. And a tax auditor primarily sees taxpayers in the
- 8 office, and I would only audit individual income tax returns.
- 9 Q But then after you became a revenue agent you worked on
- 10 corporate tax returns as well?
- 11 A Correct.
- 12 Q And how many audits have you been involved in?
- 13 A Throughout the years, probably over 500 audits.
- 14 Q Have you ever testified as a summary witness before?
- 15 A Yes, I have.
- 16 Q And how many times?
- 17 A Nine times.
- 18 Q And where -- what court was that in?
- 19 A Here in Hawai'i.
- 20 Q And in the Hawai'i District Court, the federal court?
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 Q And have you ever been qualified as an expert witness
- 23 before?
- 24 A Yes, I have.
- 25 Q And how many times?

- 1 A One time.
- 2 Q And in what court was that?
- 3 A Here in Hawai'i.
- 4 Q In the federal court?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 MR. HARRINGTON: Your Honor, at this time we tender
- 7 Miss Mitsuyoshi as an expert in computation of income and in
- 8 taxes.
- 9 MR. TOSCHER: No objection, Your Honor.
- 10 THE COURT: Okay. Then she may testify on her
- 11 computation of income and taxes.
- 12 BY MR. HARRINGTON:
- 13 Q Have you been present during the entire course of this
- 14 trial?
- 15 A Yes, I have.
- 16 Q And have you listened to the testimony of every witness?
- 17 A Yes, I have.
- 18 Q And have you reviewed every exhibit that's been entered
- 19 into evidence?
- 20 A Yes, I have.
- 21 Q Okay. And going over those a little bit, did you review
- 22 the exhibits in the 11 series, which would be the records from
- 23 Chinaka & Siu's accounting firm?
- 24 A Yes, I have.
- 25 Q Did you review the exhibits in the 12 series, which would

- 1 be the records from KMH?
- 2 A Yes, I did.
- 3 Q Did you review the records in the Exhibit 4 series, which
- 4 were the records from Waimana Enterprises?
- 5 A Yes, I did.
- 6 Q And in the Exhibit 4 series, are there a series of credit
- 7 card statements?
- 8 A Yes, there is.
- 9 Q And just for clarification, did those credit card
- 10 statements in Exhibit 4, did those all appear in Exhibit 11,
- 11 the records from Chinaka & Siu?
- 12 A No. They did not.
- 13 Q And were there any credit card statements that were in
- 14 Exhibit 4 in the KMH files in Exhibit 12?
- 15 A There were no credit card statements in the KMH files.
- 16 Q Now, did you prepare a number of schedules reflecting the
- 17 evidence in this case?
- 18 A Yes, I did.
- 19 Q Okay. And is the information in those schedules drawn
- 20 from the exhibits and the testimony in this case?
- 21 A That is correct.
- 22 MR. HARRINGTON: Your Honor, at this time I'd ask to
- 23 hand out copies of the schedules to the members of the jury and
- 24 to the Court.
- 25 THE COURT: Have you had a chance to look them over?

- 1 MR. TOSCHER: No, Your Honor. They were just handed
- 2 to me. But I think he's got to beforehand -- if Counsel said
- 3 he wanted to hand them to the jury, I think he's got to get
- 4 them foundational and admitted first.
- 5 THE COURT: Although, were you using these as
- 6 demonstrative?
- 7 MR. HARRINGTON: They're being used as
- 8 demonstratives. At the close we may try to move some of them
- 9 into evidence, but we're using them as demonstrative.
- 10 THE COURT: Okay. Then, Mr. Toscher, how about we
- 11 take an early lunch, and we can go a little longer than normal
- 12 and -- would that help? And then we can resume after the lunch
- 13 break? Or if there are issues --
- 14 MR. TOSCHER: I think right now it's just -- it's the
- 15 summary schedules. I don't know.
- 16 THE COURT: Let's go off the record. Can counsel
- 17 confer.
- 18 MR. TOSCHER: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 19 (Counsel conferring.)
- 20 MR. TOSCHER: Your Honor, I've consulted with
- 21 Counsel, and I would just suggest Counsel proceeds and --
- 22 because I'm going to need more than just a quick lunch to
- 23 review all this, and there is a lot here.
- 24 THE COURT: Okay. So you want him to distribute --
- 25 it's okay with you?

- 1 MR. TOSCHER: No, I don't think they should be
- 2 distributed. Especially, these are not in the nature of
- 3 demonstrative, most of these; these are computational. So we
- 4 would object, yes, Your Honor.
- 5 THE COURT: Yes, you're objecting to distributing it.
- 6 You can see if you can lay a foundation. We'll go
- 7 from there. Because actually right now we don't know what it
- 8 is; so --
- 9 BY MR. HARRINGTON:
- 10 Q Okay. So let's talk a little bit about the schedules that
- 11 you prepared.
- 12 And, actually, if we could get you a copy of the
- 13 schedule for her to look at?
- 14 THE COURT: Yes, that's fine. Thank you.
- 15 BY MR. HARRINGTON:
- 16 Q Okay. So let's turn to the first page. And this is a
- 17 table of contents. And perhaps you could just go through this
- 18 table of contents and describe what each schedule represents.
- 19 A Okay. My first schedule is the summary of tax due and
- 20 owing for Albert Hee and Waimana Enterprises. So, basically,
- 21 it's just a summary schedule pulling together the taxes owed by
- 22 Mr. Hee and by his company Waimana.
- 23 Q So what's Schedule 2?
- 24 A The second schedule is only the computation for the tax
- 25 due and owing for Mr. Hee only.

- 1 Q So -- I'm sorry. So 1 is the overall picture, and 2 is
- 2 specifically for the personal taxes of Mr. Hee?
- 3 A That is correct.
- 4 Q And what about Schedule 2A?
- 5 A 2A would pull summary information from other schedules
- 6 regarding the personal expenses that were paid by Waimana for
- 7 the personal use -- for the personal benefit of Mr. Hee, and
- 8 also pulling information regarding the personal use of that
- 9 property in Santa Clara.
- 10 Q And then so what about the next schedule?
- 11 A The third schedule has to do with the taxes that were due
- 12 and owing for the business Waimana Enterprises.
- 13 O And so what about Schedule 4?
- 14 A 4, this would be a schedule of Waimana payments to Diane
- 15 Doll.
- 16 O And Schedule 5?
- 17 A This would be a schedule for the MIT tuition payments for
- 18 Adrianne Hee that was paid by Waimana.
- 19 Q Okay. And Schedule 6?
- 20 A Schedule 6 would be the summary of the personal expenses
- 21 that were reimbursed to Mr. Hee by Waimana.
- 22 Q And so would that be using the credit cards that we saw in
- 23 evidence from the Exhibit 4 series?
- 24 A That is correct.
- 25 Q And what about Exhibit 7?

- 1 A This is a schedule of cash withdrawals made by Mr. Hee,
- 2 which were reimbursed by Waimana.
- 3 Q And Schedule 8?
- 4 A This is a schedule of the wage payments to the Hee
- 5 children paid by Waimana.
- 6 O And Schedule 9?
- 7 A This is a schedule of wage payments made to Wendy Hee paid
- 8 by Waimana.
- 9 Q And Schedule 10?
- 10 A This is a schedule of employment benefits paid by Waimana
- 11 for Wendy Hee and the children.
- 12 O And the next schedule?
- 13 A This is a schedule of income disguised as loans to
- 14 shareholder for Mr. Hee.
- MR. TOSCHER: Objection, Your Honor, to
- 16 characterization on this list.
- 17 THE COURT: Okay. You think it's a
- 18 mischaracterization?
- 19 MR. TOSCHER: Well, yes. This is just supposed to be
- 20 a summary. It says "disguised."
- 21 THE COURT: Okay. I'm going to sustain that. Go
- 22 ahead. But he isn't offering the actual exhibit right now;
- 23 right?
- MR. TOSCHER: Okay. You're right, Your Honor.
- 25 THE COURT: Okay. So that may well be a good

- 1 objection, but a little premature right now. Okay? So go
- 2 ahead.
- 3 BY MR. HARRINGTON:
- 4 Q Okay. And the last schedule, please.
- 5 A This is the schedule of the fair market rent of the Santa
- 6 Clara house that was used by the Hee children.
- 7 Q So we went through a lot schedules there, and let's kind
- 8 of break down how you would create one of these schedules and
- 9 what information you would be -- you would be drawing from.
- 10 So if we could turn to, let's say, tab 4, which is a
- 11 schedule of payments to Diane Doll.
- 12 A I would create this schedule based upon the testimony --
- 13 and in this case Diane Doll did testify -- and I would also
- 14 look at documents that were entered into evidence.
- 15 Q And so looking at this chart, there's a series of columns,
- 16 and I see the last column to the right says "Exhibit Number."
- 17 Could you please explain what that refers to.
- 18 A That would relate to the actual exhibit that was entered
- 19 into evidence.
- 20 Q And then there's a description of evidence. What does
- 21 that refer to?
- 22 A It's a description of what I looked at and what I used to
- 23 make a determination as far as why I put that item on this
- 24 schedule.
- 25 Q And then there's also a line for "Deducted on Tax Return."

- 1 What does that refer to?
- 2 A This refers to how Waimana deducted the expenses or the
- 3 payments to Diane Doll. And in this case Waimana deducted the
- 4 payments to Diane Doll as a consulting fee.
- 5 Q So what documents did you use to determine that that's how
- 6 they characterized it on their tax return?
- 7 A Well, if you look at the description of evidence, I based
- 8 it upon Miss Doll's testimony, I looked at the copy of a check
- 9 paid to Diane Doll, I looked at Waimana's printout of the
- 10 general ledger, showing how the payments to Diane Doll was
- 11 booked. I looked at -- this is a financial record. It's a
- 12 statement of income and expenses of Waimana. I looked at
- 13 Waimana's trial balance. And I also traced it to Waimana's --
- in this case an amended return for 2003.
- 15 Q Okay. And then so there's also line that says "Booked on
- 16 Return Preparer's Financial Statements." Could you explain
- 17 what's on that column.
- 18 A I reviewed the financial statements -- or the return
- 19 preparer's financial statements of either -- in this case it
- 20 would be Chinaka & Siu or KMH. And I looked for these payments
- 21 to Diane Doll and how they had classified her payments on their
- 22 financial statements that they prepared, which in turn was --
- 23 were used to prepare the tax return.
- 24 Q And again you're drawing from information that was
- 25 admitted into evidence?

- 1 A That is correct.
- 2 Q And what about it says "Booked on WEI's QuickBooks General
- 3 Ledger"? Where did you obtain that information, and what does
- 4 that column represent?
- 5 A That represents -- if you recall Daniel Nakandakari, he
- 6 pulled information from Waimana's QuickBooks, and he prepared
- 7 schedules from the QuickBooks. And I pulled that information,
- 8 and I looked to see how WEI classified the expense as to Diane
- 9 Doll.
- 10 Q So then there's also a column for "Amount." Where did
- 11 you -- what does that column represent?
- 12 A That represents the amount that was on the canceled check.
- 13 And it also corresponded to the entries on QuickBooks and --
- 14 which in turn transferred to the return preparer's financial
- 15 statements.
- 16 Q So you mentioned reference to a canceled check. So did
- 17 you review all the canceled checks that were admitted into
- 18 evidence?
- 19 A Yes, I did.
- 20 Q There's also a line that says "Memo on Check." Would that
- 21 be referring to on the memo line of a check, what was contained
- 22 on that information?
- 23 A That is correct.
- 24 Q Okay. Then there's also a column for "Payor" and there's
- 25 a column for "Payee." Could you just briefly describe where

- 1 you obtained that information.
- 2 A That information would have been gotten from the canceled
- 3 check.
- 4 Q Is that also where you obtained the check number and the
- 5 date?
- 6 A That is correct.
- 7 Q So we just went through Schedule 4. And did you use,
- 8 essentially, the same process to prepare all of the following
- 9 schedules, which would be 4 through 12?
- 10 A That is correct. There's some schedules after 4 which
- 11 would be summary -- summaries of a schedule that follows.
- 12 Q So you'd prepare the initial schedule in the same way; is
- 13 that right?
- 14 A That is correct.
- 15 Q And then you'd create another summary of the information
- 16 contained on that summary?
- 17 A That is correct.
- 18 Q Okay. So once you had all of these schedules, how do
- 19 these relate to the computations of taxes found in 1 through 3?
- 20 A I took the information from these Schedules 4 through 12,
- 21 and then I prepared another summary, which would be probably 2A
- 22 and 3A. And based upon those summaries, I would run a
- 23 computation as far as what -- in this case we called it as
- 24 constructive dividends, and run a computation for the taxes
- owed by Mr. Hee and Waimana.

- 1 Q So to follow it through, you would find amounts in 4
- 2 through 12, and then you'd take those amounts, calculate new
- 3 taxes due and owing?
- 4 A That is correct.
- 5 MR. HARRINGTON: Your Honor, I think we'd like to
- 6 mark this entire schedule as Exhibit 18 just to make sure that
- 7 we're on the same page for the record.
- 8 THE COURT: So you want the whole booklet or --
- 9 MR. HARRINGTON: Correct. The whole booklet to be
- 10 marked as 18.
- 11 THE COURT: Okay. We'll mark it as 18. Okay.
- MR. HARRINGTON: And then I would ask again to be
- 13 able to use this document as a demonstrative device to help in
- 14 Miss Mitsuyoshi's expert testimony.
- 15 THE COURT: Okay. That may occur, but I do want to
- 16 make sure that Mr. Toscher has a chance to review it and to
- 17 check in case he thinks that there's some problem with any of
- 18 them.
- 19 So I renew my suggestion that we take an early lunch.
- 20 And I understand it's not enough time to look at everything,
- 21 but maybe you and Mr. Harrington could confer on exactly which
- 22 ones he'll focus on right after lunch, and so you could focus
- 23 on those, and maybe we can make some headway this afternoon.
- 24 What do you think about that suggestion?
- 25 MR. TOSCHER: That's very good, Your Honor. I

- 1 appreciate that. We'll just take you up on that.
- 2 THE COURT: Okay. So we're going to take an early
- 3 lunch. Why don't we break until 1:00. It's a little longer
- 4 lunch, but I want you to eat lunch plus have some time.
- 5 So we'll break until 1:00. I know it's a little
- 6 longer, but I'm hoping that will let us proceed somewhat this
- 7 afternoon. Okay?
- 8 (Jury excused.)
- 9 THE COURT: Okay. And we might as well address your
- 10 concerns, Mr. Toscher. So the number you were concerned
- 11 about --
- MR. TOSCHER: Number 11.
- MR. HARRINGTON: I think it's Schedule 11. Is that
- 14 what it was?
- THE COURT: Okay. Schedule 11.
- So can't we take out the word "disguised" and use a
- word like "characterized" or something like that?
- MR. HARRINGTON: Yeah, that's no problem. I mean, we
- 19 could also even try to print out new copies of this first
- 20 page.
- 21 THE COURT: Yeah, so what would you suggest,
- 22 Mr. Toscher?
- 23 Everybody can sit down. This will be about three
- 24 minutes. You can leave if you -- so "characterize"? Would
- 25 that be okay?

- 1 MR. TOSCHER: Or schedule of income "based" upon
- 2 loans to shareholder.
- 3 MR. HARRINGTON: Your Honor, I think we could just
- 4 say schedule of income "booked" as loans to shareholder.
- 5 THE COURT: Okay. "Booked" as loans. Is that okay?
- 6 You want to think about it?
- 7 MR. TOSCHER: Yeah, I mean, I don't want to get into
- 8 an argument over it, Your Honor. Let me think about it. I
- 9 don't want to waste the Court's time.
- 10 THE COURT: Why don't you folks see if we can do
- 11 that.
- But while we're at it, there are those little notes
- 13 at the bottom of Schedule 11, and I'm a little worried that,
- 14 you know, this says this was not a bona fide loan in note 3.
- 15 You know, maybe it has to be this is not being treated as a
- 16 bona fide loan, or something like that. I don't know. But why
- 17 don't you folks make sure you -- if you're going to make any
- 18 changes, that you're okay on the language of the notes.
- 19 MR. TONG: I'm sorry, Your Honor. What note was
- 20 that?
- 21 THE COURT: Note number 3 was the one I'm looking at
- in Schedule 11.
- MR. HARRINGTON: Is it page 105?
- 24 THE COURT: Oh, hold on. 105, yes. So there are
- 25 these little notes at the bottom of 105, and it says The loan

- 1 repayment --
- 2 MR. TONG: Oh, oh, I see.
- 3 THE COURT: You got it?
- 4 MR. TONG: Yeah. We got confused because if you look
- 5 higher on the page, Your Honor, there's actually one that says
- 6 note 3. We were looking in the wrong place.
- 7 THE COURT: Oh, sorry.
- 8 MR. TONG: Number 3 at the bottom of the page.
- 9 THE COURT: Okay. I shouldn't call it a note, then.
- 10 Okay. Got it.
- 11 Anyway, if that's okay with everybody, fine. But in
- 12 case you are going to be working on Schedule 11 anyway, you
- 13 might want to make sure everything else is okay.
- 14 And I should tell the whole defense team my judicial
- 15 assistant, who has been working with me for 25 years and bosses
- 16 me around mercilessly, has insisted that I -- to use her
- 17 word -- "unscold" you about the timing of when you told me to
- 18 come because she says that it happens that court staff had come
- 19 to talk to me about something before trial, she didn't want to
- 20 interrupt us; so she said that's why I didn't know that you had
- 21 asked quite early for me to come in early, and that is not your
- 22 fault. And she was quite concerned that I unscold you.
- MR. TOSCHER: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 24 THE COURT: So consider yourselves unscolded,
- 25 please.

- 1 MR. TOSCHER: Thank you.
- THE COURT: And I'll see you at one o'clock.
- 3 (Court recessed at 11:21 A.M., until 1:36 P.M.)
- 4 THE COURT: I thank the jurors for their patience. I
- 5 think the attorneys have done a lot over the lunch period.
- 6 Okay. Mr. Harrington, you can resume. At this point
- 7 you are offering what?
- 8 MR. HARRINGTON: Well, just to back up for a
- 9 second -- first of all, good afternoon.
- 10 THE WITNESS: Good afternoon.
- 11 MR. HARRINGTON: I just was going to ask just a
- 12 couple more foundation questions and then offer.
- 13 THE COURT: Okay.
- 14 MR. TOSCHER: Your Honor, I don't want to interrupt.
- 15 Can I ask Mr. Harrington --
- 16 THE COURT: To move a little?
- 17 MR. TOSCHER: -- to move to the left or the right,
- 18 whatever he prefers.
- MR. HARRINGTON: This way?
- 20 MR. TOSCHER: That's fine. Thank you.
- THE COURT: Okay.
- 22 BY MR. HARRINGTON:
- 23 Q Okay. So we were talking about the schedules that you
- 24 prepared, and those schedules are in front of you?
- 25 A Yes, they are.

- 1 Q And do those schedules fairly and accurately summarize the
- 2 exhibits and testimony that you've reviewed?
- 3 A That is correct.
- 4 Q And they're based on the exhibits that have been admitted
- 5 and the testimony in this case?
- 6 A That is correct.
- 7 Q And to the testimony you heard while you were sitting in
- 8 court?
- 9 A That is correct.
- 10 Q Now, would it help the jury to follow your testimony and
- 11 listen to your opinions if they were able to review the
- 12 schedules during your testimony?
- 13 A Yes, it would.
- 14 MR. HARRINGTON: Your Honor, at this time I would
- 15 like to ask permission to hand out the schedules as
- 16 demonstratives for the jury to review during her testimony.
- 17 THE COURT: Okay. Do you need them all at once? I
- 18 mean, I don't care if they're in a booklet. Or can we ask them
- 19 to look at only one tab at a time?
- 20 MR. HARRINGTON: The plan, Your Honor, was they would
- 21 get the whole booklet, and then I'll be directing to specific
- 22 tabs.
- 23 THE COURT: Okay. So which tab are you starting
- 24 with?
- 25 MR. HARRINGTON: The first tab that I would start

- 1 with would probably be Schedule 4.
- THE COURT: Are you ready with Schedule 4?
- MR. TOSCHER: Your Honor, our request -- these are
- 4 just demonstrative of the testimony. Our preference and strong
- 5 request is we go exhibit by exhibit.
- 6 THE COURT: I don't mind giving them a binder each to
- 7 follow, but, ladies and gentlemen of the jury, I'm instructing
- 8 you only to look at the document with the tab that I instruct
- 9 you to look at. So there are a whole bunch of tabs in the
- 10 folder each of you will get, but you cannot just go browsing
- 11 through. Okay? You can only look at the tab that I give you
- 12 the number for.
- MR. TOSCHER: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 14 THE COURT: So with that, is Exhibit 4, as a
- demonstrative aid, objected to or not?
- 16 MR. HARRINGTON: Your Honor, if I could just clarify
- 17 to make sure the record is clear, it's Exhibit 18, tab 4.
- 18 THE COURT: Yes, yes. So the whole folder we're
- 19 calling Exhibit 18. I'm sorry. I called it Exhibit 4. Tab 4.
- 20 Okay.
- 21 MR. TOSCHER: Exhibit 18, the whole folder, as a
- 22 demonstrative?
- 23 THE COURT: Well, no, no, no. I'm only asking if
- 24 you're okay with tab 4 of Exhibit 18.
- MR. TOSCHER: Okay.

- 1 THE COURT: So the procedure I propose to follow is
- 2 to give the jurors the whole Exhibit 18 but direct them to look
- 3 at this time only at tab 4.
- 4 MR. TOSCHER: And tab 4 -- I want to make sure I have
- 5 the same tab 4. That's payments to --
- 6 THE COURT: It has that page 22 at the bottom.
- 7 MR. TOSCHER: Yes, Your Honor.
- 8 THE COURT: That one? So any problem with tab 4?
- 9 MR. TOSCHER: No, Your Honor.
- 10 THE COURT: Okay. Good. We're going to get these
- 11 really scintillating binders now.
- 12 Mr. Tong.
- 13 MR. TONG: Thank you.
- 14 THE COURT: So you can open it only to tab 4.
- MR. HARRINGTON: Actually, while they're handing them
- 16 out, Your Honor, I actually might want to start at the title,
- 17 the table of contents, at the very beginning. So I don't know
- 18 if --
- 19 THE COURT: Mr. Toscher, little amendment. So
- 20 Mr. Harrington proposes to show them the cover sheet -- don't
- 21 open it yet, folks -- with the Table of Schedules.
- 22 MR. TOSCHER: I think Mr. Harrington made the
- 23 correction we talked about, Your Honor.
- 24 THE COURT: Let's see. Okay. Hold on. Let me look.
- 25 MR. TOSCHER: That's fine.

- 1 THE COURT: Yes. Okay?
- MR. TOSCHER: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 3 THE COURT: So with that --
- 4 MR. TOSCHER: Yes.
- 5 THE COURT: So you want to tell them only the first
- 6 page; right?
- 7 MR. HARRINGTON: Correct.
- 8 THE COURT: So you can open your binders to only the
- 9 first page, which is sort of a table of contents.
- 10 Are you all okay? Do you have that?
- Okay. Go ahead.
- 12 BY MR. HARRINGTON:
- 13 Q Thank you. And we talked a little bit about this before
- 14 the break, but if you wouldn't mind just explaining what this
- 15 Title of Schedules represents on the first page.
- 16 A Would you like me to go through each schedule?
- 17 Q Yeah, and just talk a little bit about how the schedules
- 18 relate to each other.
- 19 A Schedule 1 is the lead schedule, which would be the tax
- 20 due and owing for Albert Hee and Waimana Enterprises.
- 21 And Schedule 2 would have to do with the tax due and
- 22 owing for Albert Hee.
- 23 Schedule 3 would be the schedule of tax due and owing
- 24 for Waimana Enterprises.
- 25 So Schedule 1 would be the summary of Schedule 2 and

- 1 3.
- 2 Schedule 4 would have to do with the payments to
- 3 Diane Doll.
- 4 Schedule 5 would have to do with the payments to MIT
- 5 for tuition payments for Adrianne Hee.
- 6 Schedule 6 would have to do with selected expenses
- 7 that were reimbursed to Albert Hee by Waimana, and this has to
- 8 do with the credit card expenses.
- 9 Schedule 7 would have to do regarding the cash
- 10 withdrawals by Albert Hee.
- Schedule 8 has to do with the wage payments that were
- 12 made to the Hees -- to the Hee children.
- And Schedule 9 is the schedule of wage payments to
- 14 Wendy Hee.
- Schedule 10 would be the employment benefits paid by
- 16 Waimana for Wendy Hee and the children.
- 17 Schedule 11 is amounts booked as loans to shareholder
- 18 for Mr. Hee.
- 19 And Schedule 12 is a schedule of the fair market rent
- 20 of the Santa Clara house that was used by the Hee children.
- 21 MR. HARRINGTON: Okay. And at this time if everybody
- 22 could turn to tab 4.
- THE COURT: Yes, you may do that.
- 24 BY MR. HARRINGTON:
- 25 Q And this is another schedule that we spoke a little bit

- 1 about before the break, but now that the jurors are looking at
- 2 it, could you describe how you obtained the information on this
- 3 schedule.
- 4 A I obtained the information to prepare the schedule based
- 5 on Diane Doll's testimony and also exhibits that were entered
- 6 into evidence, such as a records from WEI -- sorry. Waimana
- 7 and canceled checks from Waimana.
- 8 Q And so again going through the columns in here, there's
- 9 Exhibit Number, which I think is fairly self-explanatory, but
- 10 there's also -- in the middle there's "Booked on Return
- 11 Preparer's Financial Statement." Could you just again say what
- 12 that column -- where you derive that information from.
- 13 A I got that information from the return preparer. In this
- 14 case in the beginning from 2003 through 2008 that would be from
- 15 Chinaka & Siu's records. And from 2009 through 2012 that would
- 16 have been from KMH, who was the return preparer for Waimana.
- 17 Q And so when it says "Consulting Fees," where was that
- 18 listed in the exhibits?
- 19 A This would have been listed on the trial balance, their
- 20 statement of income and expenses, basically their financial
- 21 statements that were prepared by the return preparer, the CPAs.
- 22 O And then there's a column for deducted on tax returns.
- 23 And could you explain how you determined how the transaction
- 24 was reflected on the tax return.
- 25 A I traced -- from the financial statements I traced that to

- 1 Waimana's tax return, and I found an entry which showed that
- 2 Waimana deducted the payments to Diane Doll as Consulting Fees.
- 3 Q And in -- it looks like the earlier columns there's Date,
- 4 Check Number, and Payee. Did you actually review the checks
- 5 that were in evidence to Diane Doll?
- 6 A Yes, I did.
- 7 Q Okay. And there's an Amount column. And it looks like at
- 8 the bottom there's a total. Could you describe how the Amount
- 9 column works going through the pages.
- 10 A The amounts were actually from the actual check. So what
- 11 I did was I totaled the amounts per year. So in 2002, for
- 12 example, that amount I took from a 1099 Miscellaneous. In 2003
- 13 there were four checks to Diane Doll that totaled \$6,000. In
- 14 2004 there were five checks that totaled \$10,000.
- 15 Q And you're looking at page 23?
- 16 A Correct.
- 17 Q And so what about 2005?
- 18 A 2005 there are four checks that total to \$8,000.
- 19 Next page, 2006, there were five checks to Diane Doll
- 20 for \$10,000.
- Next page, 2007, there were five checks to Diane Doll
- 22 totaling \$10,000.
- 23 The next page 2008, five checks to Diane Doll
- 24 totaling \$10,000.
- 25 2009, four checks to Diane Doll totaling \$8,000.

- 1 2010, the next page, five checks to Diane Doll
- 2 totaling \$10,000.
- 3 2011, the next page, four checks to Diane Doll
- 4 totaling \$4,000.
- 5 2012, two checks to Diane Doll totaling \$8,000.
- 6 And the total for 2002 through 2012 was \$96,000.
- 7 Q And so in this later column on page 30, the entries for
- 8 "Booked on WEI's QuickBooks" and "Booked on Return Preparer's,"
- 9 does that work the same as on the first page where you derive
- 10 that information?
- 11 A That is correct.
- 12 Q So what was the tax effect of the Diane Doll payments, in
- 13 your opinion?
- 14 A The tax effect to Waimana was that Waimana deducted this
- 15 as a business expense; so, therefore, the taxable income to
- 16 Waimana was reduced by the payments to Waimana. So they didn't
- 17 pay the full amount of tax because they took this as a
- 18 deduction.
- 19 Q And so was that an appropriate deduction for Waimana to
- 20 take?
- 21 A No, it wasn't.
- 22 Q And why is that?
- 23 A Because this was not what we considered an ordinary and
- 24 necessary business expense for business purposes.
- 25 Q And so could you talk a little bit about what an ordinary

- 1 and necessary business expense is.
- 2 A Okay. An ordinary expense would be something that is
- 3 common and accepted in the industry. And a necessary expense
- 4 would be an expense that is helpful and applicable in the trade
- 5 of business, in this case Waimana's trade of business.
- 6 Q And so where do massage payments fit into the definition
- 7 of ordinary and necessary?
- 8 A It does not.
- 9 Q And why is that?
- 10 A Because it's not common and it's not accepted in the trade
- 11 for a business like Waimana to be paying massage expenses for
- 12 the shareholder.
- 13 Q And so would massage payments ever be something that could
- 14 be deducted or reflected on a tax return?
- 15 A It could.
- 16 O And how could it?
- 17 A If massage services were available to all employees, then
- 18 possibly the corporation would be able to take a deduction.
- 19 However, massage services are considered a fringe benefit, and
- 20 all fringe benefits are included as income to the person
- 21 receiving the massages, unless specifically excluded by law.
- 22 And there was no exclusion for massage payments.
- 23 Q So to follow that all the way, even if it is something
- 24 that the business could provide to all employees, it would
- 25 still have to be income for the person who receives the

- 1 massage?
- 2 A That is correct.
- 3 MR. HARRINGTON: Okay. I'd like to turn to another
- 4 tab, which would be tab 5.
- 5 THE COURT: Hold on, folks. Don't turn yet.
- 6 Mr. Toscher?
- 7 MR. TOSCHER: That's fine, Your Honor.
- 8 THE COURT: Okay. Then you get to turn to exciting
- 9 tab 5.
- 10 Mr. Harrington, back to you.
- 11 BY MR. HARRINGTON:
- 12 Q Okay. And could you describe what tab 5, the schedule
- 13 here, represents, please.
- 14 A This would be a schedule of MIT tuition payments for
- 15 Adrianne Hee paid by Waimana. So this is a listing of four
- 16 checks that were paid to the Massachusetts Institute of
- 17 Technology for the -- for Adrianne Hee's tuition, dorm charges,
- 18 and for a dining plan.
- 19 Q And so again this format looks familiar, but could you
- 20 talk about where you obtained the information for column 8 and
- 21 9, please.
- 22 A Column 8 would be information that I found in the return
- 23 preparer's general ledger. And again in 2004 it would have
- 24 been Chinaka & Siu's general ledger. And column 9 I trace that
- 25 expense to Waimana's tax return. And in this case they

- 1 deducted it as office expense for three of the payments, and
- 2 one payment was deducted as a travel expense.
- 3 O And the payment as a travel expense would be the dorm
- 4 charges; is that right?
- 5 A That is correct.
- 6 Q And so how did the information actually appear on
- 7 Chinaka's records on the general ledger? What information was
- 8 disclosed on those documents?
- 9 A If you look at column 8, they received the information
- 10 from Waimana, and it was booked as an educational expense for
- 11 three of the checks, and for one of the checks it was a travel
- 12 expense.
- 13 Q And again, looking at Column 1, 2, and 3, did you review
- 14 the checks -- the physical checks themselves?
- 15 A Yes, I did.
- 16 Q And so those checks reflect the actual checks from Waimana
- 17 that were made payable to MIT?
- 18 A That is correct.
- 19 Q So what was the tax effect of Waimana paying these
- 20 expenses and how they treated them on their books?
- 21 A Again Waimana took the total of \$33,523 as a business
- 22 expense, and so it would have reduced their taxable income and,
- 23 in turn, reduced the tax that they reported on their tax
- 24 return.
- 25 Q And what was the proper tax treatment for this expense?

- 1 A Well, this clearly is a personal expense, and the proper
- 2 treatment would have been to declare a dividend and pay it to
- 3 Mr. Hee.
- 4 Q So taking that one piece at a time, could you describe a
- 5 little bit about what it means to declare a dividend and how
- 6 that process works for a corporation.
- 7 A For a corporation, if they have earnings, it's like equity
- 8 into the company. As the years go by, if there's profits, the
- 9 company has equity. So out of the equity, the earnings from
- 10 the corporation, a dividend can be declared, and the dividends
- 11 are declared for the shareholder.
- 12 O So what happens when a dividend is declared? Does the
- 13 corporation get a tax deduction for declaring a dividend?
- 14 A No, the corporation does not get a tax deduction for a
- 15 dividend.
- 16 Q And what happens to the person who receives the dividend?
- 17 What do they have to do?
- 18 A They have to report that as income, as dividend income.
- 19 Q And so when they report it as income, does that mean they
- 20 pay taxes on it?
- 21 A Yes, that is correct.
- 22 Q So what was it about this expense that led you to believe
- 23 that it's not an appropriate educational expense deduction by
- 24 Waimana?
- 25 A Well, there was testimony from Adrianne Hee that it was

- 1 clearly for her, and she was the only person in which Waimana
- 2 was offering educational expenses. There was no educational
- 3 program offered to any of the employees. And, in fact, we
- 4 heard testimony from Judy Ushio, who was going to school at the
- 5 time. And I knew it was kind of like a banter, she said, but
- 6 she probably would have wanted Waimana to pay some of her
- 7 educational expenses.
- 8 MR. TOSCHER: Objection, Your Honor. Speculation.
- 9 THE COURT: Okay. Sustained.
- 10 BY MR. HARRINGTON:
- 11 Q So let's talk a little bit about an educational program
- 12 and how it could be set up at a company. Could you describe
- 13 how -- you started to describe it, but let's talk just
- 14 generally about how an educational program could be set up
- 15 within the tax laws.
- 16 A For a company?
- 17 Q Correct.
- 18 A If a company decides to set up an educational program, it
- 19 would have been offered to all employees and not in this case
- 20 to the daughter of the owner of the business.
- 21 Q And so -- and if there was an educational program that a
- 22 company had, would you have to be an employee for that company
- 23 to participate in it?
- 24 A Yes, you would have to be an employee.
- 25 Q And so what was the tax effect of these payments made to

- 1 MIT?
- 2 A And again Waimana took the tuition payments, dorm charges,
- 3 dining plan, as a business deduction; and, therefore, it
- 4 reduced the taxable income on Waimana's tax return and, in
- 5 turn, reduced the amount of tax that should have been reported.
- 6 Q And I think we already covered it, but let's just make
- 7 sure we're clear. And if it was appropriately booked, it
- 8 should have been a dividend; is that what you said?
- 9 A That is correct.
- 10 Q And the dividend would have increased the shareholder's
- 11 tax liability?
- 12 A That is correct.
- MR. HARRINGTON: I'd like to turn -- not yet, but I'd
- 14 like to turn to tab 11.
- 15 THE COURT: Hold on.
- MR. TOSCHER: No objection as a demonstrative, Your
- 17 Honor.
- 18 THE COURT: Then you can turn, ladies and gentlemen,
- 19 to tab 11.
- 20 BY MR. HARRINGTON:
- 21 Q Okay. And could you please tell the members of the jury
- 22 about what tab 11, the schedule of amounts Booked as Loans to
- 23 Shareholder, represents.
- 24 A The company's records reflected a loan to shareholder, and
- 25 in this case the sole shareholder of the company is Mr. Hee.

- 1 And looking at the entries into this loan to shareholder
- 2 account, business -- excuse me. Personal expenses for and on
- 3 half of Mr. Hee were included in this account.
- 4 Q So let's take the chart one step at a time. It looks like
- 5 row 1 says Loan to Shareholder beginning balance, then there's
- 6 years. Could you describe to the jury where you derived that
- 7 information.
- 8 A I derived this information from the balance sheet because
- 9 the loan to shareholder is considered an asset to the
- 10 corporation. It's like the company loaning someone money. So
- 11 that's what it is.
- 12 And, basically, what I looked at, I looked at the
- 13 balance sheet of the tax return, and I also looked at the
- 14 return preparer's financial records to see what the increases
- 15 every year in the loan balance.
- 16 Q And then on line 2 there's an ending balance figure.
- 17 Could you talk about where you derived that information.
- 18 A And again I looked at the loan to shareholder balance on
- 19 the Waimana's tax return, and I also looked at the return
- 20 preparer and Waimana's records to look at the ending balance,
- 21 which, basically, took into account all the additions to this
- 22 account.
- 23 Q So could you talk a little bit about what the tax effect
- 24 of treating these transactions as a loan to shareholder were
- 25 for both the corporation and for the defendant.

- 1 A No tax effect because the corporation does not take a
- 2 deduction for any of these payments made on -- that was booked
- 3 as a loan to shareholder. And, likewise, the shareholder, in
- 4 this case Mr. Hee, does not -- does not report any income, if
- 5 this was a true loan.
- 6 Q So in your experience conducting audits what are the
- 7 indicia you look at to determine whether something is a true
- 8 loan?
- 9 A What we would look at is whether or not there is a
- 10 promissory note, and the promissory note would show the intent
- of the person borrowing the money to repay. And on the
- 12 promissory note would include interest, the length of the loan,
- 13 and some kind of repayment schedule.
- 14 Q And so have you heard -- was there any evidence in the
- 15 record that you've reviewed of there being a promissory note
- 16 for this loan?
- 17 A There was no evidence of a promissory note.
- 18 MR. TOSCHER: Your Honor, I would move to strike the
- 19 testimony regarding the evidence of the standard of no
- 20 promissory note as legally insufficient.
- 21 THE COURT: Well, all she said was there was no
- 22 evidence that she would look to see if there was a promissory
- 23 note. She didn't really say it was a requirement; so --
- 24 MR. TOSCHER: I think she did say -- I'm sorry, Your
- 25 Honor. I think that's what I heard, that that's what she

- 1 looked to: whether there was a promissory note.
- THE COURT: Yeah, she said that would show the intent
- 3 to borrow and repay. That's what she said she would look to
- 4 for evidence of that.
- 5 I think this is subject for cross-examination.
- 6 Overruled.
- 7 MR. TOSCHER: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 8 BY MR. HARRINGTON:
- 9 Q And so based on your review, what did you consider to be
- 10 the proper tax treatment of the payments that were booked as
- 11 loans?
- 12 A In this case because there was no promissory note --
- 13 that's the first thing we look at to see whether or not this is
- 14 a bona-fide loan. And again we look at the years. This ranged
- 15 from 2005 to 2012. And I saw no evidence of any kind of
- 16 repayments. The balance continued to increase. I considered
- 17 this as a constructive dividend or a disguised dividend in
- 18 which Waimana paid the personal expenses for Mr. Hee.
- 19 Q And again what would the tax effect be, if it was
- 20 considered to be a dividend to Mr. Hee?
- 21 A Mr. Hee would have to report the dividend on his personal
- 22 tax return, and the corporation would not be able to take a
- 23 deduction for a dividend.
- 24 Q So by reporting it on his tax return, that would mean that
- 25 he would have to pay taxes on that amount?

- 1 A That is correct.
- 2 MR. HARRINGTON: And the next one I'd like to look to
- 3 is tab 7, but not yet for the jury.
- 4 MR. TOSCHER: No objection, Your Honor.
- 5 THE COURT: Okay. You can turn to tab 7, ladies and
- 6 gentlemen.
- 7 BY MR. HARRINGTON:
- 8 Q So tab 7 is titled Schedule of Selected Cash Withdrawals.
- 9 Could you explain to the jury what information is summarized in
- 10 this schedule.
- 11 A Information summarized in this schedule would be
- 12 information from the American Express Optima account. And
- 13 you've heard testimony from Nancy Henderson that stated that
- 14 this account was used for cash withdrawals. So, basically, on
- 15 the statement it was clear that ATM withdrawals were made.
- 16 O And so let's take this because this one's a little bit
- 17 longer, and we've got lots of columns at the top. Could you
- 18 describe a little bit to the jury what each of these columns
- 19 represents and where you were able to obtain information on
- 20 those columns.
- 21 A As you recall, whenever someone requested for
- 22 reimbursement, they would fill out this reimbursement sheet.
- 23 And if you look in the most left-hand column after item number,
- 24 there would be a date on the reimbursement sheet, and then the
- 25 date that the cash was withdrawn would be on their

- 1 reimbursement sheet. And also at times there were actual
- 2 copies of the ATM withdrawal receipts. The description of the
- 3 expense is, basically, what it is. It was actually -- this is
- 4 actually coming from the reimbursement sheet.
- 5 What I did next was I looked at the withdrawal slip
- 6 from the ATM, and I notated where the withdrawal was made. And
- 7 the next several columns on the reimbursement sheet itself
- 8 would be account numbers where the withdrawals would be booked.
- 9 Q Okay. Let's talk a little bit about what those account
- 10 numbers mean. What did you understand those account numbers to
- 11 mean?
- 12 A Well, if you see 62,500, the first item, that is -- they
- 13 were booking it to Travel Expense under Sandwich Isles.
- 14 Q And then so the other categories would be the same type of
- 15 information that would be on the request for reimbursement
- 16 sheet?
- 17 A That is correct. I took it straight off the reimbursement
- 18 sheets.
- 19 Q Okay. And over on the side there's a notation on request
- 20 for reimbursement. Where did you obtain that information?
- 21 A I obtained that information from the reimbursement sheet
- 22 itself. There was a notation as far as the dates of travel and
- 23 where the travel took place.
- 24 O And then there's a check number and a check date and a
- 25 check amount. What does that refer to?

- 1 A That actually reflects to a check paid by Waimana to
- 2 Albert Hee.
- 3 O So did you actually review the physical checks themselves
- 4 that were paid from Waimana's bank account to Albert Hee?
- 5 A Yes, I did.
- 6 O And it says "Payor." And if you look through the
- 7 schedule, are all of these checks for Albert Hee?
- 8 A That is correct.
- 9 Q And in your review of the exhibits in evidence in this
- 10 case did you see any cash reimbursements -- cash -- requests
- 11 for reimbursements for cash by anyone other than Mr. Hee?
- 12 A No, I did not.
- 13 Q And did you come to totals on the total amounts that were
- 14 reimbursed?
- 15 A Yes, I did.
- 16 Q And could you direct the jury to where those numbers are
- 17 located.
- 18 A Okay. For the first year, if you could turn to page -- if
- 19 you could turn to page 84, at the very top there's a total of
- 20 cash withdrawals of \$8,732.75. The other three amounts on that
- 21 line had to do with the transaction fees whenever an ATM
- 22 withdrawal was made.
- 23 Q And so it looks like we don't have any entries for 2008;
- 24 is that right?
- 25 A That is correct.

- 1 Q Were there any records of any requests for reimbursement
- 2 for 2008?
- 3 A I didn't see any.
- 4 Q So with 2009 what was the total amount?
- I believe it's on page 87.
- 6 A Okay. 87. The total amount for 2009 was \$9,335.
- 7 THE COURT: Can I see counsel at the bench?
- 8 (At sidebar on the record:)
- 9 THE COURT: I see 4 and 5.
- 10 MR. HARRINGTON: Did we miss --
- 11 THE COURT: I think they still say "disguised," but I
- 12 thought they were supposed to say "booked."
- 13 MR. HARRINGTON: I apologize, yeah.
- 14 MR. TOSCHER: We were supposed to take it out.
- 15 THE COURT: I remember discussing those specifically.
- So why don't I tell them -- I can tell them to cross
- 17 the word out and to write "booked," and then we can give a
- 18 replacement page tomorrow morning. But I'm going to tell them
- 19 that word doesn't belong there.
- MR. HARRINGTON: Yeah.
- 21 MR. TOSCHER: Yeah, that was -- I missed that.
- MR. HARRINGTON: I apologize. We just missed it.
- 23 That's fine with me.
- 24 THE COURT: Okay.
- 25 (In open court on the record:)

- 1 THE COURT: Okay. I'm going to ask the members of
- 2 the jury to make a correction on tab 11. So if you look at the
- 3 right-hand corner, bottom corner, you will see it says 104 of
- 4 107. I'm on that page in tab 11. Do you see it?
- 5 The bottom right-hand corner of tab 11 has little
- 6 numbers on the pages. It says 104 of 107. Are you there?
- 7 Okay. And then you'll see there is an item number,
- 8 and item 4 says "Income disguised as loan to shareholder." I
- 9 ask that you take your pens and you cross out that word
- 10 "disquise," okay, and you write in the word "booked,"
- 11 b-o-o-k-e-d. Because that's how we're going to talk about
- 12 this.
- 13 And can you do the same for item 5. Cross out that
- 14 word, write in the word "booked." Okay?
- Okay, Counsel. Go ahead.
- 16 BY MR. HARRINGTON:
- 17 Q So I think we left off at 2009, and you provided the total
- 18 amount. So let's look at the total amount for 2010, which I
- 19 believe is on page 89.
- 20 A Okay. That's correct.
- 21 O And what was the total amount?
- 22 A The total amount for 2010 was 5,422.
- 23 Q So could you talk a little bit about why you created this
- 24 schedule and how cash reimbursement requests should work under
- 25 the Internal Revenue Code.

- 1 A Internal Revenue Code Section 274 is very clear that there
- 2 is a requirement for travel that there would be receipts
- 3 required to justify what the expense was for. The only
- 4 receipts that were provided were ATM withdrawal slips. There's
- 5 no notation as far as what the expense is for. So I -- you --
- 6 the code section is very clear that there is that requirement
- 7 in order for the expense to be a deductible business expense
- 8 Q When you're talking about "receipts," are you talking
- 9 about like from a restaurant or from a hotel for travel
- 10 receipts?
- 11 A That's correct. Any kind of receipts.
- 12 Q So what was the tax effect of these being reimbursed by
- 13 the company?
- 14 A Again Waimana took these amounts as a deduction -- a
- 15 business deduction; and, therefore, the taxable income on
- 16 Waimana's tax return was reduced by the total amounts per year.
- 17 And again the tax paid was less because they took this as a
- 18 business deduction.
- 19 Q And what was the proper tax treatment for these
- 20 transactions?
- 21 A Again the beneficiary of these cash withdrawals was
- 22 Mr. Hee; so the proper tax treatment would have been a
- 23 constructive dividend or a disquised dividend to Mr. Hee.
- 24 Q And again that would be an amount that he would need to
- 25 pay taxes on?

- 1 A That is correct.
- 2 MR. HARRINGTON: Okay. The next tab I want to turn
- 3 to is tab 8.
- 4 THE COURT: Okay. Hold on, ladies and gentlemen.
- 5 Mr. Toscher?
- 6 MR. TOSCHER: No objection, Your Honor.
- 7 THE COURT: Okay. You can turn, then, to tab 8.
- 8 BY MR. HARRINGTON:
- 9 Q So could you please describe for the jury what is
- 10 contained on tab 8.
- 11 A This is a schedule of wage payments to the three children,
- 12 Adrianne, Breanne, and Charlton, paid by Waimana for the
- 13 years --
- 14 Q And where did you get this information from?
- 15 A I got this information from the W-2s that were attached to
- 16 the tax returns of the three children.
- 17 Q And so again looking at the columns here, we have years at
- 18 the top, and then it looks like on row 1, is that for Adrianne
- 19 Hee?
- 20 A That's correct.
- 21 O And row 4 is for Breanne Hee?
- 22 A Correct.
- 23 Q And row 7 is for Charlton Hee?
- 24 A Correct.
- 25 Q So each of the numbers corresponds to what was on their

- 1 W-2; is that what you said?
- 2 A Correct.
- 3 Q Okay. And I also see that there's numbers in parentheses.
- 4 What do those represent?
- 5 A Charlton Hee and Adrianne Hee had testified that during
- 6 the summers they would work at the Mililani facility, and they
- 7 were paid hourly wages, which was in addition to their salary.
- 8 So I considered the work at Mililani as actual work services
- 9 being rendered for the company, and so, therefore, those
- 10 amounts are included in the W-2. So I looked at their
- 11 personnel files and I looked for any kind of time sheets that I
- 12 could find, and if you were to look at the subsequent
- 13 schedules, you'll see my computation where I figured out what
- 14 they would have been paid while working during the summers at
- 15 Mililani.
- 16 Q And so the amounts that are on 1, 4, and 7, those are the
- 17 total amounts from the W-2?
- 18 A That's correct.
- 19 Q And so other than the figures that you have in
- 20 parentheses, what was your opinion on the proper tax treatment
- 21 of those payments?
- 22 A The children did not provide any kind of services rendered
- 23 to Waimana. You've heard testimony that they were full-time
- 24 students. They were away from here in Hawai'i. They were
- 25 going to school on the mainland. So, therefore, they were not

- 1 employees. So wages were paid to him for not doing any work.
- 2 Again they did do work while they worked at Mililani; so I gave
- 3 them credit for that amount that they actually worked at
- 4 Mililani.
- 5 Q So taking a step back for a second, what is the standard
- 6 under the Tax Code for an appropriate wage payment by a
- 7 company?
- 8 A The person would have to render services. They would have
- 9 to do something. They would have to actually work, do work.
- 10 Q And is that the same standard as the ordinary and
- 11 necessary that you were talking about before?
- 12 A That is correct.
- MR. HARRINGTON: So if we can, I'd like to look at
- 14 tab 8A next.
- 15 THE COURT: Okay. Hold on.
- MR. TOSCHER: No objection, Your Honor.
- 17 THE COURT: Okay. Then the jurors can look at tab
- 18 8A.
- 19 BY MR. HARRINGTON:
- 20 Q And so you were talking before, I think you mentioned "in
- 21 your later schedules." Could you talk a little bit about how
- 22 this schedule handled the hourly wages.
- 23 A What I did was I looked in the personnel files for each of
- 24 the children, and they would actually turn in time sheets when
- 25 they worked at the Mililani center. And what I did was I

- 1 looked at how many hours they were being paid, I looked at what
- 2 the hourly rate of pay was, and I multiplied that, and I came
- 3 up with the amount of payments that were made to them for work
- 4 done at Mililani.
- 5 Q And so it looks like there's multiple columns for each
- 6 child, the first one for Adrianne Hee. So did they have
- 7 separate time sheets?
- 8 A Yes, they did have separate time sheets.
- 9 Q And did you review all of the personnel files that were in
- 10 evidence?
- 11 A I did.
- 12 O And this is all the information you're able to find about
- 13 their hourly wages?
- 14 A That is correct.
- 15 Q And so let's turn to page 98. And could you talk a little
- 16 bit about the last line, the totals there. Is that Charlton
- 17 Hee?
- 18 A Are you talking about the last three entries?
- 19 Q On page 98 there's a total at the bottom. Does that refer
- 20 to Charlton Hee's total salaries for those years?
- 21 A Total salaries for work done at Mililani.
- 22 Q And then so these refer back, to some degree, to the
- 23 number that was in the parentheses on the previous schedule?
- 24 A That is correct.
- 25 MR. HARRINGTON: Okay. I would like to, if I can,

- 1 turn to tab 8B, as in boy.
- THE COURT: Mr. Toscher?
- 3 MR. TOSCHER: No objection, Your Honor.
- 4 THE COURT: Okay. The jurors can look at 8B.
- 5 BY MR. HARRINGTON:
- 6 Q And this is a one-page schedule. Could you please tell
- 7 the jury what's contained on this schedule.
- 8 A Again I went through the personnel files, and I looked
- 9 at -- a lot of times there were fax transmittals which would
- 10 state Adrianne Hee is being paid so many dollars per hour.
- 11 Likewise, for the other two children. And I gathered that
- 12 information because, of the total wages on the W-2, that amount
- included the work done in Mililani. So again that work was
- 14 considered services rendered; so that was real work.
- 15 Q And so what was the -- what's the difference, I guess,
- 16 just in laymen's terms between 8A and 8B?
- 17 A 8B would be just the hourly rate, where I got that
- 18 information. 8B would be the computation based upon the hours
- 19 worked and the hourly rate of pay.
- 20 THE COURT: Wait. Wait, now. There might be some
- 21 confusion in the record. I think she said 8B both times.
- 22 MR. HARRINGTON: Okay. Let's try again.
- 23 O So let's talk about the difference what 8A does and what
- 24 8B does.
- 25 A Okay. 8B would be information that I gathered from

- 1 information in their personnel files, which would show their
- 2 hourly rate of pay and the dates in which it was applicable
- 3 because sometimes the rates did change. 8A would be a
- 4 computation based on the number of hours on the time sheets or
- 5 faxes, and I just multiplied that by their hourly rate of pay.
- 6 Q Okay. And turning back to tab 8, if we could go to page
- 7 93, which, I believe, is the second page of that schedule. And
- 8 could you please describe to the jury what the total amounts
- 9 that you computed were.
- 10 A The total amounts for the three children, is that what
- 11 you're asking me?
- 12 O Yes.
- 13 A Okay. So the total amount of wage payments for the three
- 14 Hee children for the years 2006 through 2012 totaled \$682,156.
- 15 Q That's again that figure is giving them credit for the
- 16 hourly wages that they worked at Mililani?
- 17 A That is correct.
- 18 Q Now, what was the tax effect for Waimana for paying these
- 19 wages and deducting them as expenses?
- 20 A And again Waimana took that as a business deduction; so it
- 21 decreased its taxable income and, likewise, decreased the
- 22 amount of taxes that they paid.
- 23 Q And what would be the proper tax treatment?
- 24 A This would be again a dividend to Mr. Hee. He decided
- 25 that he wanted to, I guess, pay his children, and so the checks

- 1 actually went out -- or the direct deposit actually went out to
- 2 the children. So it's for his benefit; and, therefore, the tax
- 3 treatment would have been a constructive dividend.
- 4 Q So again why is that a constructive dividend for Mr. Hee?
- 5 A Because he is the shareholder of the company. He is the
- 6 owner of the company. And these payments were for the benefit
- 7 of him as far as paying the children. It's for his benefit.
- 8 MR. HARRINGTON: And the next one is tab 9.
- 9 THE COURT: Mr. Toscher?
- 10 MR. TOSCHER: No objection, Your Honor.
- 11 THE COURT: The jurors can look at tab 9.
- 12 BY MR. HARRINGTON:
- 13 Q And could you please describe what's contained on tab 9.
- 14 A This schedule includes wage payments made to Wendy Hee,
- who is Mr. Hee's wife, by Waimana for the years 2003 through
- 16 2012.
- 17 Q And where did you get this information?
- 18 A I got this information from the form W-2 that was attached
- 19 to the Hees' joint tax return.
- 20 Q So line number 3 has a total, and is that the total amount
- 21 that you computed?
- 22 A That is correct.
- 23 Q And how much is that figure?
- 24 A For the years 2003 through 2012 Wendy Hee was paid
- 25 \$590,201.

- 1 Q So again was this a similar tax effect as payments to the
- 2 children?
- 3 A That's correct.
- 4 Q So did you form an opinion about whether this was the
- 5 proper tax treatment for these payments?
- 6 A This was not the proper tax treatment. There was
- 7 testimony that Wendy Hee was staying at home taking care of the
- 8 family. She did not provide any services for the company. So,
- 9 therefore, again the payments were made for the benefit of
- 10 Mr. Hee and should be treated as constructive dividend to
- 11 Mr. Hee.
- 12 MR. HARRINGTON: And so the next tab would be tab 10.
- 13 MR. TOSCHER: No objection, Your Honor.
- 14 THE COURT: Okay. The jurors can look at tab 10.
- 15 BY MR. HARRINGTON:
- 16 Q And could you please describe for the jury what is
- 17 contained on this schedule.
- 18 A This schedule is -- contains the employee benefits paid by
- 19 Waimana for Wendy Hee and the Hee children.
- 20 Q So where did you get this information?
- 21 A I got this information from documents in Waimana. It had
- 22 to do with this payroll, labor, employee totals that would have
- 23 been printed at the end of the year every year.
- 24 Q And so did they have a printout for each employee at the
- 25 company?

- 1 A Yes, they did.
- 2 Q And so let's start with -- it looks like the first one is
- 3 for Wendy Hee, and there's a variety of employment benefits.
- 4 Let's start with Retirement Plan Discretionary Contribution.
- 5 What's that?
- 6 A This was a profit-sharing program that was offered to
- 7 full-time employees. And again I believe they had to work a
- 8 minimum of -- I think you saw the one for Breanne Hee -- over
- 9 2,000 hours a year in order to be eligible for this
- 10 profit-sharing.
- 11 Q And it looks like it was \$7500 a year with some years not
- 12 having a distribution; is that right?
- 13 A That is correct.
- 14 Q Okay. And the next line is a life insurance provided by
- 15 SIC. What does that mean?
- 16 A Life insurance policy for Wendy Hee was provided by the
- 17 company.
- 18 Q And so what did the dollar figures represent in 2009
- 19 through 2012?
- 20 A This was payments made to a life insurance company for the
- 21 benefit of Wendy Hee.
- 22 Q And what about long-term care? What does that refer to?
- 23 A Again life -- long-term care insurance paid to a company
- 24 for the benefit of Wendy Hee.
- 25 Q And so these are \$6,412, looks like, per year; so what

- 1 amount would that be? Is that the premium?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q And who paid the premium?
- 4 A The premium was paid by Waimana.
- 5 Q I see there's also long-term disability care. What does
- 6 that represent?
- 7 A Again long-term disability insurance was paid by Waimana
- 8 for Wendy Hee.
- 9 Q And then there's a 401(K) employer match. What does that
- 10 represent?
- 11 A This was a matching program that they had. You've heard
- 12 the testimony from Breanne that she contributed 401(K) from her
- 13 wages. This is the actual employer match; so this is in
- 14 addition.
- 15 Q Let's just make sure the record's clear. You said
- 16 "Breanne." Is there --
- 17 A I'm sorry. I'm sorry. Adrianne.
- THE COURT: Okay. Yeah.
- MR. HARRINGTON: Thank you.
- 20 Q So turning to Adrianne, Adrianne is the next individual
- 21 listed on here. And I see that there is similar entries, but
- 22 it looks like there's HDS Single Coverage. What does that
- 23 refer to?
- 24 A HDS would be Hawai'i Dental Service; so this would be
- 25 dental insurance paid by Waimana for Adrianne Hee.

- 1 Q And what about HMAA Single Employee Coverage?
- 2 A This would be for medical insurance paid by Waimana for
- 3 the benefit of Adrianne Hee.
- 4 Q And I think I may have skipped one with Wendy Hee, but
- 5 there's also Critical Illness both on Adrianne and Wendy Hee.
- 6 And what does that refer to?
- 7 A It's some kind of Critical Illness insurance policy paid
- 8 by Waimana for the benefit of Wendy Hee and Adrianne Hee.
- 9 Q So starting on page 101, it looks like we have totals for
- 10 Wendy Hee. And so are these computations you performed of all
- 11 the payments that were made?
- 12 A That is correct.
- 13 Q Okay. And, for example, it looks like on 2010 it was
- 14 24,000 for Wendy Hee? \$24,346.67?
- 15 A That is correct.
- 16 Q And Adrianne Hee, looks like on page 102, were those the
- 17 same type of computations you performed?
- 18 A That is correct.
- 19 Q And for Breanne Hee we have a column for 2011 that's
- 20 filled out. Is that the total for \$39,714?
- 21 A That is correct.
- 22 Q But it's blank on 2012. Could you talk about why that's
- 23 blank?
- 24 A There was evidence in the documents that Breanne Hee
- 25 returned to Hawai'i in early 2012. Because the fact that she

- 1 did return back to Hawai'i, I did not include any employee
- 2 benefits paid because she could have worked for the company
- 3 as -- and provided services for Waimana. So that would have
- 4 been a deductible business expense to Waimana.
- 5 Q And if we turn to page 103 --
- 6 THE COURT: Can -- hold on one sec. I just wanted to
- 7 tell the jurors: If you're writing notes, you should write
- 8 those notes in your little notepads, not in Exhibit 18. Okay?
- 9 Because it's your notepads that you can take with you later.
- 10 Okay. Go ahead.
- 11 MR. HARRINGTON: Thank you.
- 12 Q And if we turn to page 103 on line -- excuse me, row 40,
- 13 there's a total. And what does this total represent?
- 14 A This would be the total employee benefits paid by Waimana
- 15 for Wendy Hee and the three children of Mr. Hee.
- 16 Q And so in 2010 it was \$101,000 in payments?
- 17 A That is correct.
- 18 Q And in 2011 it was \$106,478?
- 19 A That is correct.
- 20 Q Okay. So what was the tax effect of Waimana making all of
- 21 these payments as employee benefits?
- 22 A And again Waimana took a business deduction that reduced
- 23 their taxable income and, in turn, reduced the taxes that they
- 24 paid.
- 25 Q And what was the proper tax treatment for these payments?

- 1 A Mrs. Hee and the three children provided no services to
- 2 the company; so, therefore, they were not employees. The
- 3 payments were made on their behalf; so, therefore, the benefits
- 4 paid by Waimana would be considered a constructive dividend to
- 5 Mr. Hee.
- 6 Q And again he would have to pay taxes on that amount, if it
- 7 was a constructive dividend?
- 8 A Mr. Hee would have to pay taxes on that amount.
- 9 Q And so you heard some testimony about -- from Adrianne Hee
- 10 about maybe some various tasks she performed throughout the
- 11 year. Based on those, what was your opinion about whether she
- 12 was an ordinary and necessary employee of the company?
- 13 A Again she was a full-time student. She worked summers.
- 14 She was in the East Coast. She did accompany her father on
- 15 some meetings; however, it was very sporadic. She was there to
- 16 listen to the meetings. There was no evidence that she
- 17 contributed to the meetings. She didn't present any kind of
- 18 projects or she didn't present anything at the meetings. So,
- 19 therefore, I did not consider that as services rendered when
- 20 she accompanied her father to those meetings.
- 21 MR. HARRINGTON: So next schedule would be tab 12.
- 22 THE COURT: Hold on while we wait. Okay?
- 23 MR. TOSCHER: No objection, Your Honor.
- 24 THE COURT: Okay. You can look at tab 12.
- 25 BY MR. HARRINGTON:

- 1 Q So could you please explain to the jury what's on tab 12.
- 2 A This is a schedule of the fair market rent of the Santa
- 3 Clara house that was purchased by Waimana and used exclusively
- 4 by the children of Mr. Hee.
- 5 Q So when did you get the information to have the fair
- 6 market value of the rent?
- 7 A We -- as you recall, Frank Molinari testified that he
- 8 determined what the fair market rent would have been for this
- 9 house during these years.
- 10 Q And so what was the tax treatment used by Waimana to take
- 11 into consideration the house? How did they treat the house on
- 12 their tax books?
- 13 A I believe there was some e-mails as to whether or not this
- 14 was an asset or an investment. I think, ultimately, they
- 15 treated this as an investment property. So they did not
- 16 depreciate the property. They just kept it on the books as an
- 17 investment.
- 18 Q When you said "kept it on the books," did that have any
- 19 effect on the amount of taxes that were owed by the company?
- 20 A No. It just sat on the balance sheet as an asset.
- 21 Q Did it have any effect on the taxes of Mr. Hee, the way it
- 22 was used by the company?
- 23 A No. But the way it was used by the company?
- 24 Q The way it was booked by the company as its own records.
- 25 A If it just sat on the books as an investment, no.

- 1 Q So what was the proper tax treatment of the property?
- 2 A The proper tax treatment for the rent, or the way the
- 3 property was booked on the balance sheet?
- 4 Q Let's start with the use of the property.
- 5 A Okay.
- 6 Q What was the proper tax effect for how the property was
- 7 used?
- 8 A Okay. The property was clearly used personal. The
- 9 children stayed there while going to Santa Clara University.
- 10 The other individuals that stayed in the house were Santa Clara
- 11 students. The value of the children using the house is a fair
- 12 rental value; so the fair rental value should have been
- 13 included as income by Mr. Hee.
- 14 Q And you say "included by income by Mr. Hee." Do you mean
- 15 on his tax return?
- 16 A Correct.
- 17 Q And would that be a dividend as well?
- 18 A That would be a dividend.
- 19 Q So let's look at the actual figures you have here. Looks
- 20 like 2008 you have \$30,000?
- 21 A That's correct.
- 22 Q And going on, but then in 2011 you have a number in
- 23 parentheses. Could you describe to the jury how you performed
- 24 those calculations.
- 25 A You heard testimony by the accountants at KMH that later

- 1 in the years, I think, I guess, in 2011 or 2012, probably 2012,
- 2 that they were notified by counsel that the property was being
- 3 used by the children. So what KMH did was they tried to
- 4 calculate the rent that was being collected by Breanne Hee. So
- 5 these amounts on line 12 were actually reported as income by
- 6 Waimana; so, therefore, since it was reported by Waimana, I
- 7 gave -- I backed it out of the fair rental value.
- 8 Q So that reduced the amount that would be a dividend?
- 9 A That's correct.
- 10 MR. HARRINGTON: So the next tabs would actually be
- 11 maybe easier to review them this way: would be 6 through 6D.
- 12 THE COURT: Okay. So hold on.
- MR. TOSCHER: I'm sorry --
- MR. HARRINGTON: 6 through 6D.
- MR. TOSCHER: Okay. We're going to start with 6,
- 16 though?
- MR. HARRINGTON: We can start with 6, but --
- 18 THE COURT: Okay. But he's just warning you he's
- 19 going to go several; so if you want to look at several right
- 20 now.
- 21 MR. TOSCHER: No objection on 6, Your Honor.
- 22 THE COURT: What about the -- you want to look at 6A
- 23 now?
- MR. TOSCHER: If you do the court, yes, I would be.
- No objection, Your Honor.

- 1 THE COURT: For 6 through 6D.
- MR. TOSCHER: Yes, Your Honor.
- 3 THE COURT: Okay. And you're starting with 6,
- 4 Mr. Harrington?
- 5 MR. HARRINGTON: Yes.
- 6 THE COURT: The jurors can look at tab 6.
- 7 BY MR. HARRINGTON:
- 8 Q So starting with tab 6, could you describe what is
- 9 contained on that schedule.
- 10 A Schedule 6 is a summary of selected expenses reimbursed to
- 11 Mr. Hee by Waimana. And these were expenses having to do with
- 12 his American Express credit card.
- 13 Q Again you said this is a total summary?
- 14 A A total summary for the years 2007 through 2012.
- 15 Q So if we turn to 6B, as in boy, would that be where more
- 16 detail is located?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q Okay. So if we turn to 6B, could you talk about how you
- 19 created this schedule.
- 20 A I created the schedule by looking at reimbursement sheets
- 21 that were filled in by Mr. Hee and also looking at the canceled
- 22 check -- the reimbursement canceled check that Waimana paid to
- 23 Mr. Hee, and also the American Express credit card statement.
- 24 Q And so just to -- these were -- the information on here
- 25 was all obtained from the credit card statements and

- 1 reimbursement requests?
- 2 A That is correct, and the canceled check.
- 3 O So let's take a look at this. I know this is very small
- 4 font here. There's a lot of information. But let's start with
- 5 the reimbursement sheet date, the date expense charge, and the
- 6 description of expense. Could you talk about where you got
- 7 that information.
- 8 A I got that information from the actual reimbursement sheet
- 9 that was prepared by Mr. Hee.
- 10 Q Okay. And then we have a whole line of columns here, and
- 11 I think we saw account numbers before. So how did you know
- 12 what column to put the dollar amount in?
- 13 A It was actually put on the reimbursement sheet or at times
- 14 a spreadsheet was attached to the sheet.
- 15 Q And that would say which dollar figure for which account?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q And then -- and then there's a column. It's -- I'd say
- 18 it's about two-thirds of the way down. It says Notation on
- 19 AmEx Statement/Reimbursement Sheet. Some of these are blank,
- 20 but, if you look down on row 9, there's an entry there. And
- 21 could you talk about where you obtained that information.
- 22 A On the actual American Express statement there's this
- 23 notation. If you recall, Nancy Henderson stated that after
- 24 talking to Mr. Hee she would actually type in an explanation on
- 25 the American Express statement.

- 1 Q So for the one on row 9 you have an entry that refers to a
- 2 note; is that what that is?
- 3 A That is a note. If I could clarify, that column would
- 4 include notations on the American Express statement or the
- 5 reimbursement sheet.
- 6 Q Okay. And so looking at 9 again it says Hawaiian Airlines
- 7 Ticket for Wendy Hee. Was that from the statement itself as
- 8 well?
- 9 A From the American Express statement, yes.
- 10 Q And then on description of evidence column, could you
- 11 describe a little bit about how you can trace this back to the
- 12 exhibits themselves.
- 13 A I actually looked at the reimbursement sheet. There's a
- 14 date for the American Express Centurion card in this case, the
- 15 statement itself. And in this case there was actually a
- 16 handwritten note attached and a copy of the canceled check in
- 17 which Waimana reimbursed Albert Hee. Because, as you recall,
- 18 Mr. Hee used his personal credit card, and so he would turn in
- 19 his reimbursement sheet and request that expenses be reimbursed
- 20 to him personally.
- 21 Q Okay. In looking at this first page again there seem to
- 22 be a good number of charges at Costco Santa Clara. So why are
- 23 those expenses listed on this schedule?
- 24 A Santa Clara -- Breanne Hee was living in that -- going to
- 25 the University of Santa Clara at the time. And when you go to

- 1 Costco, you're buying personal items. So there was no evidence
- 2 that there was any business expenses or any kind of business
- 3 purpose regarding those purchases; so I considered that as a
- 4 personal expense paid by Mr. Hee.
- 5 Q Okay. And if we turn to page 36, please. And you see the
- 6 top number, and I believe it's listed as row number 21. It
- 7 says Le Grand Hotel Paris, and it has a travel expense of
- 8 \$2,682. Why did you include that expense on this schedule?
- 9 A If you recall, there was testimony that Wendy Hee, Breanne
- 10 Hee, and her then boyfriend traveled to France. There was no
- 11 business purpose for the travel. And again I've considered
- 12 Wendy Hee and Breanne Hee as -- they weren't employees; so,
- 13 therefore, any expenses in which they traveled to Europe would
- 14 be considered a business -- a personal expense paid on behalf
- 15 of -- for Mr. Hee.
- 16 Q And again there's a notation on AmEx statement. It says
- 17 Travel CCI Undersea France/Inspection of Cable. Was that from
- 18 the American Express statement?
- 19 A Yes, it was.
- 20 Q So when you were creating this schedule, what was the
- 21 general process you used to determine what expenses to put on
- the schedule?
- 23 A I looked at the reimbursement sheet. I looked at the
- 24 American Express statement itself. I determined that, if the
- 25 travel expense had to do with Mrs. Hee or the children, they

- 1 were not employees of the company; and, therefore, those
- 2 expenses were personal.
- 3 Q Okay. And if we turn to page 48. And if you look at the
- 4 bottom of that -- and it looks like it's row 141 -- there's an
- 5 expense at Zippy's for \$67, and it lists Al Hee and Charles
- 6 Hee. So why did you include that expense?
- 7 A Charles Hee is Mr. Hee's father. And there was testimony
- 8 that Charles Hee has been retired for 20 years, and he is not
- 9 an employee of the company.
- 10 Q And so when would a dinner out at Zippy's be an expense
- 11 that a company could pay for? What is -- what are the rules
- 12 about that?
- 13 A Well, if an employee entertained a client, they discuss
- 14 business over the meal, a receipt is provided. Again Code
- 15 Section 274 is -- lays out the requirements in order to take a
- 16 business deduction for meals and entertainment. They would
- 17 have to state who was present at the meal, the date, the time,
- 18 the amount. And in this case it is Mr. Hee and his father
- 19 having a meal at Zippy's.
- 20 Q And you consider that to be a personal expense?
- 21 A Yes. Charles Hee is Mr. Hee's father. There has been no
- 22 evidence that he works or provides any kind of services. There
- 23 is no business relationship between Mr. Hee and his father.
- 24 Q And if we could turn to page 49, please. And there's item
- 25 number 144, and it says Hawaiian Air for Breanne Hee, San Jose

- 1 to Honolulu. Do you see that?
- 2 A Yes, I do.
- 3 O And the notation on AmEx is Ownership and Management
- 4 Training. Was that also on the credit card statement itself?
- 5 A Yes, it was.
- 6 Q So why did you include this expense on this schedule?
- 7 A Again Breanne Hee was going to Santa Clara University.
- 8 She was a full-time student. She was not providing any kind of
- 9 services rendered to the company. She was not an employee.
- 10 And, therefore, there is no business purpose for this airline
- 11 ticket; and, therefore, it's a personal expense.
- 12 THE COURT: Mr. Harrington, I wonder if we can take a
- 13 break now. Then we'll come back and go until 4:00.
- MR. HARRINGTON: Absolutely.
- 15 THE COURT: Okay.
- 16 (Jury excused.)
- 17 (Court recessed at 2:51 P.M., until 3:09 P.M.)
- 18 THE COURT: Okay.
- 19 BY MR. HARRINGTON:
- 20 Q So we were looking at tab 6B, and I want to turn your
- 21 attention to page 56, please.
- 22 And so if you look at line -- excuse me, row 217,
- 23 there's Disney Reservations. Do you see that?
- 24 A Yes, I do.
- 25 Q Just to make sure we're all clear how these schedules

- 1 work, at the very far right column there's an exhibit number.
- 2 Is that the exhibit number you used to get the information to
- 3 put on this line?
- 4 A That's correct.
- 5 Q If we could actually briefly just pull up the exhibit so
- 6 we can be sure what we're all talking about here.
- 7 Christina, you mind pulling that up, please. And if
- 8 we could zoom up the bottom part.
- 9 So again the typewritten information, where does that
- 10 appear on the schedule?
- 11 A That would appear in the column Notation on American
- 12 Express Statement/Reimbursement Sheet.
- 13 Q Okay. And that's also where you would get the amount and
- 14 the other information that filled the column?
- 15 A That is correct.
- 16 Q So if the jury was looking for these particular charges,
- 17 they would look at Exhibit 4-33?
- 18 A That is correct.
- 19 MR. HARRINGTON: Okay. We can take that down,
- 20 please.
- 21 Q And so what was it about that expense that made you put it
- 22 on this chart?
- 23 A Well, you've heard testimony from Adrianne Hee that she
- 24 and her sister, Breanne, and Breanne's husband, Jonathan, and a
- 25 friend of Adrianne went to Disney World. And this particular

- 1 expense was for lodging. And they went there to visit
- 2 Disneyland. There was no business purpose given. And again
- 3 Breanne and Adrianne are not considered employees of Waimana;
- 4 and, therefore, the expenses for the Disney World trip would be
- 5 considered personal.
- 6 Q Okay. And if we could turn to page 63, please. And if
- 7 you see rows 277 with the Mauna Lani Bay. Do you see that?
- 8 A Yes, I do.
- 9 Q So why was that expense included in this chart?
- 10 A If you look in the column Notation on American Express
- 11 Statement/Reimbursement Sheet, it states Al, Wendy, Adrianne,
- 12 Breanne, Charlton Hee, Stockholders Meeting. The only
- 13 stockholder for Waimana is Albert Hee. So the other
- 14 individuals, who were his wife and children, were not
- 15 stockholders.
- 16 Q In 2011?
- 17 A That is correct.
- 18 Q And so did you prepare a schedule that created a total of
- 19 all the expenses that you listed in this schedule of credit
- 20 card expenses?
- 21 A Yes, I did.
- 22 O And which number is that?
- 23 A That would be Schedule 6.
- 24 Q Okay. So if we could turn to tab 6, please.
- 25 And so could you describe for the jury what's

- 1 contained on this chart.
- 2 A This would be the summary of Schedule 6A for the years
- 3 2007 through 2012.
- 4 Q And so for 2008 the total amount was \$40,000?
- 5 A Yes. Look in column 14. That's where you're getting the
- 6 numbers from.
- 7 Q So the grand total for all the years, which is just 2007
- 8 through 2012, what's the grand total?
- 9 A The grand total was \$119,909.
- 10 Q And again what was the impact tax-wise on Waimana for how
- 11 it booked the expenses?
- 12 A Waimana booked this as a business expense. And again it
- 13 reduced Waimana's taxable income and, in turn, reduced the
- 14 taxes that Waimana paid.
- 15 Q And what was the proper tax treatment for those expenses?
- 16 A Again this would be a constructive dividend to Mr. Hee
- 17 because these were personal expenses paid on his behalf.
- 18 Q And so did you prepare schedules calculating the corporate
- 19 tax effect for the proper tax treatment that you testified
- 20 about?
- 21 A Yes, I did.
- 22 O And which schedule numbers are those?
- 23 A That would be Schedule 3, the 3 series.
- MR. HARRINGTON: Okay. And that's the next one I'd
- 25 like to look at is the 3 series.

- 1 THE COURT: Okay.
- 2 MR. TOSCHER: No objection, Your Honor.
- 3 THE COURT: Okay. Then the jurors can -- are you
- 4 going with 3 first?
- 5 MR. HARRINGTON: I think I'm actually going to start
- 6 with 3A.
- 7 THE COURT: 3A? Okay. 3A. You can look at 3A.
- 8 BY MR. HARRINGTON:
- 9 Q So looking at 3A, can you describe for the jury how this
- 10 schedule works with the other schedules.
- 11 A Okay. This is a summary schedule. So, for instance, we
- 12 went over each item. Remember, we talked about Diane Doll
- 13 payments by Waimana, MIT payments for Adrianne Hee, the
- 14 personal expenses paid for Mr. Hee from the American Express
- 15 statements, the cash withdrawals from the Optima American
- 16 Express card that Waimana reimbursed Mr. Hee, the Waimana
- 17 payments for the wages for the children of Mr. Hee, the Waimana
- 18 payments for the wages for Wendy Hee, and the employee benefits
- 19 paid for Wendy Hee and the children. And so this is just a
- 20 summary of those schedules that we went over, and if you look
- 21 in the right-hand column, that's the schedules that I pulled
- 22 the totals from.
- 23 Q Okay. And looking at row number 7, there's a total. And
- 24 is that the total for the cost of the employee benefits of
- 25 \$404,000 for the children and wife?

- 1 A That's correct. For the years 2005 through 2012.
- 2 Q And so the first tax year on here is 2003; is that right?
- 3 A That is correct.
- 4 Q Why is that the first tax year?
- 5 A That is the first tax year that we had records for for the
- 6 payments from Waimana.
- 7 Q So that was the year you could use to calculate the
- 8 corporate taxes?
- 9 A That is correct.
- 10 Q And so the total figure on total line 8 is \$1,941,948.94;
- 11 is that right?
- 12 A That is correct.
- 13 Q Okay. So what did you do with these total figures on the
- 14 actual tax return? Which schedule would you like to refer to
- 15 next?
- 16 A I'd like to refer you to Schedule 3.
- 17 Q Okay. So if we turn to 3.
- 18 So if you could describe for the jury what's taking
- 19 place on Schedule 3.
- 20 A The schedule looks at the adjustments to Waimana. And,
- 21 basically, these are expenses paid and deducted as a business
- 22 expense, and these were personal expenses for Albert Hee. And
- 23 a schedule, basically, takes into account all the adjustments,
- 24 compares the total adjustment to the taxable income per the
- 25 return, and figures out the corrected tax, and, basically,

- 1 computes the tax due and owing by Waimana.
- 2 Q So before we get to the total, could you please describe
- 3 to the jury what Schedules 3B and 3C are calculating.
- 4 A Schedules 3B and 3C takes into account the net operating
- 5 losses for Waimana. A net operating loss is whenever a
- 6 corporation has a loss, they're entitled to carry it back and
- 7 forward to offset income. So that's what one schedule is. And
- 8 also for charitable contributions a corporation is limited to
- 9 10 percent contribution deduction based on taxable income. And
- 10 so when I made all these adjustments, it caused adjustments to
- 11 the net operating losses, carries backs and carries forwards,
- 12 and likewise the contribution deduction that they're allowed.
- 13 Q And what about Schedule 3D?
- 14 A Schedule 3D is the computation of earnings and profits for
- 15 Waimana. As I explained earlier, profits and earnings would be
- 16 what the earnings are for the corporation and the ability of
- 17 the corporation to pay dividends. So the dividends would come
- 18 out of the equity, the profits of the company. So I would take
- 19 into account this calculation to determine whether or not the
- 20 constructive dividend could be considered a dividend. If there
- 21 wasn't enough earnings and profits, it would be a return of
- 22 capital. A return of capital is what the shareholder would
- 23 have put into the company, and anything in excess of that would
- 24 be a capital gain to the shareholder.
- 25 Q It's a mouthful. Would it be fair to say that those

- 1 schedules are, basically, computations you have to make because
- 2 you change one number, it changes other numbers, and so on and
- 3 so forth throughout the return?
- 4 A That is correct.
- 5 Q So turning back to Schedule 3, would you please go through
- 6 how Schedule 3 -- what is on it and where it shows the amount
- 7 of taxes that should be due and owing.
- 8 A Okay. If you look at line 2, these were personal expenses
- 9 paid for the benefit of Albert Hee. And Waimana actually took
- 10 a deduction for the personal expenses. And if you look on the
- 11 right-hand column, column 14, we just went over Schedule 3A,
- 12 and that's where I got the totals from. And then lines 3
- 13 through 6 are adjustments to the net operating loss deduction
- 14 and charitable contributions that I just talked about. And on
- line 7, that would be the total adjustments. Line 8, I would
- 16 compare the taxable income per return.
- 17 Q So just to stop for a second. I may be the only one who
- 18 wants to ask this question, but "per return," does that mean
- 19 what was actually on the return that Waimana filed?
- 20 A That is correct.
- 21 O And so what's contained on corrected taxable income?
- 22 A So what I did is I added the total adjustment to the
- 23 taxable income per return, and we get the corrected taxable
- 24 income.
- 25 Q And so then there's -- the next line is "Tax."

- 1 A I computed the tax on the corrected taxable income, and
- 2 that is the amount on lines 10 and 11.
- 3 O And then line 12 is Corrected Tax Liability?
- 4 A That is correct.
- 5 Q And so what does it mean when it says Less Tax Per Return
- 6 for line 13?
- 7 A That is the actual tax reported on Waimana's corporate
- 8 return.
- 9 Q And so did that reduce the corrected tax liability? In
- 10 other words, were they getting credit for the amount of taxes
- 11 they'd actually paid, Waimana?
- 12 A That is correct.
- 13 Q So the tax due and owing, is that a total for each of the
- 14 years?
- 15 A That's correct.
- 16 Q And so the total in 12, is that for the years 2003 through
- 17 2012?
- 18 A Can you repeat the question?
- 19 Q I'm sorry. In column 12 --
- 20 A Okay. Sorry.
- 21 Q Yeah, no problem. There's a total. And so is that the
- 22 total for 2003 through 2012?
- 23 A That's correct.
- 24 Q And it's \$288,539?
- 25 A Correct.

- 1 Q And so is that the amount of taxes that should have been
- 2 paid by Waimana?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q And did you do calculations on Mr. Hee's individual tax
- 5 returns?
- 6 A Yes, I did.
- 7 MR. HARRINGTON: Okay. The next schedules I would
- 8 want to look at would be 2 and 2A.
- 9 MR. TOSCHER: No objection, Your Honor.
- 10 THE COURT: Okay. Then which one are you starting
- 11 with?
- 12 MR. HARRINGTON: Let's start at 2A.
- 13 THE COURT: Okay. The jurors can look at 2A.
- 14 BY MR. HARRINGTON:
- 15 Q And so could you please describe for the jury what's
- 16 contained on 2A.
- 17 A This schedule is a summary of the selected expenses paid
- 18 by Waimana for the benefit of Mr. Hee and for the use of the
- 19 Waimana property in Santa Clara. So, basically, this schedule
- 20 is just a summary of all the other schedules that we've gone
- 21 through.
- 22 Q And so looking at line number 6, it says WEI payments for
- 23 wages for Wendy Hee reclassified as constructive dividends and
- 24 was given credit for reporting wages on personal tax returns.
- 25 So what's the tax effect of that? Could you please explain

- 1 that for the jury.
- 2 A Okay. Wendy Hee's wages were reported on the joint return
- 3 of the Hees. Wage income is considered ordinary income; so it
- 4 doesn't get the benefit of qualified dividends. Qualified
- 5 dividends are taxed at a lower rate, usually 15 percent.
- 6 So what I did was I considered Mrs. Hee's wages as a
- 7 dividend to Mr. Hee. Then I gave credit to the Hees for the
- 8 wages that was already reported on tax returns. So, basically,
- 9 I'm reclassifying the wages from ordinary income, which is
- 10 taxed at a higher rate, to qualified dividends, which was taxed
- 11 at a lower rate.
- 12 Q So for that particular entry the tax liability would
- 13 actually go down?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 THE COURT: Okay. So the jurors should stay on the
- 16 page they're on. But, Counsel, can you look at item 8. Shall
- 17 we do the same?
- 18 MR. HARRINGTON: Yes. That would be my --
- MR. TOSCHER: Sorry.
- 20 THE COURT: So I propose to handle it the same way.
- 21 MR. TOSCHER: Oh, I thought you wanted me to come up.
- 22 That's fine, Your Honor.
- 23 THE COURT: No. Is that okay? Can I do that now?
- MR. HARRINGTON: Yes. Absolutely.
- 25 THE COURT: Can you look at the next page. In item 8

- 1 we need the same correction. Cross out the word "disguised."
- 2 That word should not be there. Put it out of your minds. And
- 3 put the word "booked."
- 4 Okay. Back to you, Counsel.
- 5 BY MR. HARRINGTON:
- 6 Q All right. So if you turn to that page, page 4, there's a
- 7 total at line 12?
- 8 A That's correct.
- 9 Q Okay. And again if you look above it, that's composed of
- 10 all the other items that we looked at. There's Santa Clara
- 11 property, personal expenses, everything like that?
- 12 A That's correct.
- 13 Q And the total under column 13 is -- is that \$2,371,727.17?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q Okay. So what would happen to that figure for tax
- 16 purposes? How should have that been reflected on Mr. Hee's
- 17 personal tax return?
- 18 A So line 12 would be constructive dividends that Mr. Hee
- 19 would need to report on his individual tax returns.
- 20 Q And so if we turn to tab 2. And are these calculations
- 21 you performed to determine the correct tax liability for the
- 22 2003 through 2012 years?
- 23 A That is correct.
- 24 Q Okay. And could you please just take the jury through how
- 25 you performed these calculations.

- 1 A Okay. If you look at item 2, that would be the
- 2 constructive dividends for the personal expenses paid by
- 3 Waimana for the benefit of Mr. Hee.
- In 2007 -- if you recall, I explained what earnings
- 5 and profits meant. In that year Waimana did not have adequate
- 6 earnings and profits. So the total amount of dividends for
- 7 2007, \$121,400 would be considered a dividend. And on the
- 8 balance sheet the value of the stock was a thousand dollars.
- 9 So it's what we consider return of capital, basically the
- 10 company paying back Mr. Hee for the \$1,000 value of the stock.
- 11 And anything in excess would be capital gains, and that would
- 12 be the \$122,587.
- 13 Q So again there's a line 4, Less Wendy Hee Wages Reported
- 14 on the Joint Returns. Is that also getting credit for the
- 15 taxes that were paid?
- 16 A For the wages that was reported.
- 17 Q And so we have -- if you want to go through the next lines
- 18 to see how you got to total adjustments.
- 19 A Okay. Line 6 and 7, whenever you increase the adjusted
- 20 gross income on an individual tax return, there will be
- 21 limitations to the itemized deduction and the exemption. So it
- 22 starts phasing out. So that's what line 6 and 7 would be, the
- 23 phase-outs, because of the increase to the item -- excuse me,
- 24 the adjusted gross income.
- 25 Q And so then you have taxable income per return. Is that

- 1 what was originally reported on their tax returns?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q Then we have Corrected Taxable Income at line 10?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q So how do those numbers relate to each other?
- 6 A I took the total adjustments and I added it to the taxable
- 7 income per the return, and that's what should have been
- 8 reported on the joint individual tax return.
- 9 Q And then we have at line 16 Total Corrected Tax Liability.
- 10 So what does that line represent?
- 11 A That represents the tax on the corrected taxable income.
- 12 Q For what your calculations were based on the proper tax
- 13 treatment of all the expenses we were looking at?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 O And so then there's Less Tax Per Return and Tax Due and
- 16 Owing. Can you please explain those two lines.
- 17 A Less Tax Per Return is what was reported on the joint
- 18 individual income tax returns. So the difference is the Tax
- 19 Due and Owing from the adjustments above.
- 20 Q So in 2003 there's a number in parentheses. What does
- 21 that mean?
- 22 A It actually reduced the tax in 2003. My computation
- 23 actually showed that the tax owed was less than the tax that
- 24 was reported on the return.
- 25 Q Then so for later years, though, we have a positive

- 1 figure?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q Okay. And so lines 19 through 22, can you explain to the
- 4 jury what those adjustments are.
- 5 A The children filed tax returns reporting the wages that
- 6 they received for work that they did not do; so they paid taxes
- 7 on those wages. Because I am considering the wages paid by
- 8 Waimana to the children as a dividend to Mr. Hee, I reduced the
- 9 corrected tax due and owing owed by Mr. Hee by the taxes that
- 10 were reported and paid on the children's tax returns.
- 11 Q So again you were giving him credit for taxes that were
- 12 already paid?
- 13 A That's correct.
- 14 Q So then we have a total due and owing on line 23, and you
- 15 have an entry for each year. And the total amount for 2003
- 16 through 2012 is \$259,632?
- 17 A That is correct.
- 18 MR. HARRINGTON: Okay. If I can just have one
- 19 moment, please.
- 20 And there is one last schedule: tab 1.
- 21 MR. TOSCHER: No objection, Your Honor.
- 22 THE COURT: Okay. The jurors can look at tab 1.
- 23 BY MR. HARRINGTON:
- 24 Q So could you please describe what is contained on Schedule
- 25 1, please.

- 1 A This is the summary of the individual income taxes that
- 2 are -- that are owed by Mr. Hee and by Waimana. It's just a
- 3 summary totaling the tax owed by year.
- 4 Q So taking the corporate and the individual and combining
- 5 them together?
- 6 A Correct.
- 7 Q So for the 2003 through 2012 years, the total is \$548,171?
- 8 A That is correct.
- 9 MR. HARRINGTON: I don't have any further questions
- 10 at this time.
- MR. TOSCHER: May it please the Court. Ladies and
- 12 gentlemen.
- 13 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 14 O Good afternoon.
- 15 A Good afternoon.
- 16 Q I want to ask you a few questions regarding your resume
- 17 and qualifications.
- 18 It appears that all of your experience -- work
- 19 experience is just with the Internal Revenue Service?
- 20 A I have some prior work experience.
- 21 Q Okay. But it's -- I don't think it's listed on your
- 22 resume that was provided.
- 23 A It's only a couple years after I graduated from college.
- 24 Q Okay. So you left it off.
- 25 A Yes.

- 1 Q The private work experience. But a vast majority of your
- 2 experience is just with the Internal Revenue Service.
- 3 A That's correct.
- 4 Q Okay. And the other experience -- strike that.
- 5 It appears you've never worked for an accounting
- 6 firm?
- 7 A That's correct.
- 8 Q It also appears that you're not a licensed certified
- 9 public accountant?
- 10 A That's correct.
- 11 Q Have you ever sat for the certified public accounting
- 12 test?
- 13 A No.
- 14 Q In looking at your college degree, it was in education; is
- 15 that correct?
- 16 A Correct.
- 17 Q And then you studied and took courses in accounting. And
- 18 that's the way you started your accounting knowledge?
- 19 A Well, actually, I was a tax auditor.
- 20 Q So you took accounting classes when you were a tax auditor
- 21 for the IRS?
- 22 A Actually, I started before then.
- 23 Q You started the accounting courses before being a tax
- 24 auditor.
- 25 A Yes.

- 1 Q Okay. So it's fair to say substantially all of your work
- 2 experience is with the Internal Revenue Service.
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q And if I recall correctly, you started out as an
- 5 administrative position with the Criminal Investigation
- 6 Division; is that correct?
- 7 A That's correct.
- 8 Q And then you moved over to being a tax auditor and then a
- 9 revenue agent?
- 10 A That's correct.
- 11 Q And that's on the civil side; correct?
- 12 A That's correct.
- 13 Q Now, an expert witness disclosure was made to us of your
- 14 testimony or the subject matters. Are you familiar with that?
- 15 A No.
- 16 Q Okay. It was provided to us by the government. It's in
- 17 the name of Selina Mann?
- 18 A Okay. I'm not Selina Mann.
- 19 Q I know you're not Selina Mann, but it was represented to
- 20 us that this was the subject of your testimony.
- 21 A Okay.
- 22 Q Okay. And are you familiar with Miss Mann?
- 23 A Yes.
- 24 O Okay. You've worked with her on this case?
- 25 MR. HARRINGTON: Objection, Your Honor. Relevance.

- 1 MR. TOSCHER: Your Honor, can we have a sidebar? I
- 2 want to determine whether we received the disclosure required
- 3 by the rules of this witness. It was represented to us that --
- 4 THE COURT: Okay. We'll have a sidebar.
- 5 (At sidebar on the record:)
- 6 THE COURT: Okay. So what happened?
- 7 MR. TOSCHER: We received the disclosure when the
- 8 Court ordered it, and it was provided to us, and we were told
- 9 that, while it had the name Selina Mann, we should consider it
- 10 Miss Mitsuyoshi's disclosure. And she, apparently, doesn't
- 11 know anything about it.
- 12 MR. HARRINGTON: I don't think she said she doesn't
- 13 know anything about it.
- I don't think she said she doesn't know anything
- 15 about it. What happened was we disclosed two experts because
- 16 we still had the other theory involved in the case. Once the
- 17 case got simplified, we made the decision to have Susan
- 18 Mitsuyoshi testify as a expert in a summary witness, and we
- 19 told defense counsel that the statement written by Selina Mann
- 20 would be her expert statement for purposes of the disclosure.
- 21 THE COURT: Okay.
- 22 MR. TOSCHER: And we asked for something in her name,
- 23 but they declined to do it. But she has not stated this is her
- 24 disclosure.
- 25 MR. HARRINGTON: I think we actually --

- 1 MR. TOSCHER: I think -- excuse me. I'm sorry.
- 2 THE COURT: So you want to show it to her and ask her
- 3 if that's a summary of her opinion? I'll let him do that.
- 4 MR. TOSCHER: I --
- 5 THE COURT: Because if she says it is, then there's
- 6 no problem; right?
- 7 MR. TOSCHER: That's correct.
- 8 THE COURT: Okay. Why don't you do that.
- 9 MR. TOSCHER: Okay.
- 10 (In open court on the record:)
- 11 THE COURT: So why don't we call this something.
- 12 It's not going to come into evidence, but just so we can talk
- 13 about the document. Let me check with --
- MR. TOSCHER: Your Honor, can I go back.
- 15 THE COURT: Absolutely.
- 16 Are you not able --
- 17 MR. TOSCHER: I made some extra copies, Your Honor,
- 18 and I can't find the copies.
- 19 THE COURT: Because there's just not enough paper in
- 20 the case; so, you know. I'm joking.
- 21 MR. TOSCHER: I'm sorry.
- 22 THE COURT: You don't have to laugh at my joke
- 23 really.
- MR. TOSCHER: No. I want to laugh at your jokes.
- 25 I'm trying to listen.

- 1 Your Honor --
- THE COURT: Yes. If you do have a copy --
- 3 MR. TOSCHER: I do have a copy.
- 4 THE COURT: Why don't I give you the handheld mike to
- 5 make sure if you need to stay close enough to hand it back and
- 6 forth.
- 7 MR. TOSCHER: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 8 May I approach the witness, Your Honor?
- 9 THE COURT: Yes, yes.
- 10 BY MR. TOSCHER:
- 11 Q Do you see this disclosure by Selina Mann? Are you
- 12 familiar with it? Have you ever seen it before?
- 13 A I have seen it.
- 14 Q Did you work with her on it?
- 15 A No.
- 16 Q So this is not your disclosure?
- 17 A Correct.
- 18 THE COURT: I think she's saying she didn't work on
- 19 that; that's not something she did. I think if you ask her to
- 20 read it, that might --
- 21 MR. TOSCHER: Okay.
- 22 THE COURT: -- maybe promote the discussion.
- MR. TOSCHER: Your Honor, can you give me a second to
- 24 find a clean copy.
- 25 THE COURT: Yes. I see. You don't have a clean

- 1 copy, do you?
- 2 MR. TOSCHER: I do, Your Honor. I just --
- 3 THE COURT: You have one? I thought Mr. Tong or
- 4 Mr. Harrington might have one, but hold on.
- 5 MR. TOSCHER: Too many briefcases, Your Honor.
- 6 May I?
- 7 THE COURT: Yes.
- 8 BY MR. TOSCHER:
- 9 Q I'm going to hand you what is referred to as a disclosure.
- 10 It says "By Selina Mann." Will you please review it.
- 11 A Okay.
- 12 THE COURT: And then if you want to, you can go back
- 13 to the lectern, if you have your marked-up copy, and then we
- 14 can take that handheld.
- MR. TOSCHER: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 16 THE COURT: If you're going to be on this for a
- 17 while, I wonder if I shouldn't at least put an exhibit sticker,
- 18 not that it's going to come into evidence, but that we can talk
- 19 about it.
- MR. TOSCHER: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 21 THE COURT: What shall we call this? Let me check
- 22 with the courtroom manager. She'll give me a number.
- 23 THE CLERK: I guess 19 is government's, but I don't
- 24 know --
- 25 THE COURT: Okay. Why don't we just call it Exhibit

- 1 X for lack of anything else. Is that okay?
- MR. TOSCHER: That's fine, Your Honor.
- 3 THE COURT: Okay. We're going to call this Exhibit
- 4 X, okay.
- 5 Okay. Back to you.
- 6 BY MR. TOSCHER:
- 7 Q Have you had an opportunity to review the disclosure?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q What's been marked as Exhibit X?
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q Is this the disclosure of the summary of your opinions?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q You hesitated. These are not your opinions, are they.
- 14 A I didn't prepare this.
- 15 Q Okay.
- 16 THE COURT: I think the question had to do with the
- 17 substance, not with whether you made the document.
- THE WITNESS: (Nods head.)
- 19 THE COURT: Am I right?
- 20 BY MR. TOSCHER:
- 21 Q That's correct. Is this a summary of the opinions and the
- 22 basis of your opinions?
- 23 A Yes.
- 24 Q Okay. And did you review it before it was disclosed?
- 25 A This --

- 1 THE COURT: This Exhibit X? Is that what you mean?
- MR. HARRINGTON: Yes, Exhibit X, Your Honor.
- 3 THE WITNESS: I kind of quickly reviewed it.
- 4 BY MR. TOSCHER:
- 5 Q You quickly reviewed it now.
- 6 A No. Prior.
- 7 Q Prior to. Okay. So you did review it, and that is a
- 8 summary of your opinions.
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q Okay. And the reasons for your opinions.
- 11 A Uhm, I mean, I have my own knowledge, too.
- 12 Q Right. But the rules require a disclosure of the expert's
- 13 opinions.
- 14 THE COURT: Okay. Hold on.
- MR. TOSCHER: Sorry, Your Honor.
- 16 THE COURT: So really we're just talking about
- 17 whether the substance is a summary of the opinions that you
- 18 hold.
- 19 THE WITNESS: Okay. So, yes.
- 20 MR. TOSCHER: Okay. All right.
- 21 Your Honor, I will reserve on an appropriate motion
- 22 regarding this. I don't think we need to do it right now --
- THE COURT: Okay.
- MR. TOSCHER: -- unless --
- 25 THE COURT: Okay. But you have 10 more minutes or

- 1 so; so if -- are you able to proceed and then we can take up
- 2 your matter?
- 3 MR. TOSCHER: You know, in thinking about it, Your
- 4 Honor, I don't want to waive any objection on it, and so --
- 5 THE COURT: It won't be waived.
- 6 MR. TOSCHER: It won't be waived.
- 7 THE COURT: It won't be waived. If you can proceed,
- 8 I'd like to use the time the jury's here. I will not deem it
- 9 waived.
- 10 MR. TOSCHER: Okay. Thank you, Your Honor.
- 11 Q Now, the disclosure and the basis of your opinion, it
- 12 talks about a number of different Internal Revenue Code
- 13 sections there; isn't that correct?
- 14 A That's correct.
- 15 Q And I think there were seven different Internal Revenue
- 16 Code sections?
- 17 A On this document?
- 18 Q Yes, on the disclosure, the basis of the substance of your
- 19 opinion.
- 20 MR. HARRINGTON: Objection, Your Honor. This
- 21 document's not in evidence. I don't know why --
- MR. TOSCHER: I'm entitle --
- 23 THE COURT: It's okay. I mean, he's --
- 24 MR. TOSCHER: Trying --
- 25 THE COURT: I think he can ask about it. He's not

- 1 asking for the content of it right now.
- 2 So you're asking whether this --
- 3 MR. TOSCHER: As the basis of her opinion, she relied
- 4 upon what I counted as seven different Internal Revenue Code
- 5 sections, Your Honor.
- 6 THE COURT: Okay. Are you able to answer?
- 7 THE WITNESS: Yes, there are seven Internal Revenue
- 8 Code sections on this document.
- 9 BY MR. TOSCHER:
- 10 Q All right. Now, I think, in looking at your resume or CV,
- 11 you discuss the training and relying upon a lot of different
- 12 things to come to your positions regarding the tax law. And I
- 13 think you mentioned the code, Internal Revenue Code; correct?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q Internal Revenue regulations?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q Rulings?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q You also looked at case law, too; correct?
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 Q And you might also look to internal IRS memoranda;
- 22 correct?
- 23 A Yes.
- 24 Q A lot of different things to look at and rely upon.
- 25 A Yes.

- 1 Q And is it fair to say you agree with me that the tax law
- 2 is very complex?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q Now --
- 5 THE COURT: Counsel, can you move the -- tilt the
- 6 mike a little so you're talking right into it.
- 7 MR. TOSCHER: I'm afraid to touch it, Your Honor.
- 8 THE COURT: You're afraid to touch it?
- 9 MR. TOSCHER: No, I've got it.
- 10 THE COURT: It's inanimate.
- 11 MR. TOSCHER: I'm not going to use my hands. I was
- 12 getting into trouble.
- 13 Q Now, I believe you testified on direct you were -- used
- 14 the words for a business expense -- and I'm focusing on a
- 15 business expense -- "ordinary and necessary."
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q Do you remember that?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q And I think you defined "ordinary" or testified as
- 20 "ordinary" as common and accepted.
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 Q Okay. And "necessary" as helpful and appropriate?
- 23 A Yes.
- 24 Q You would agree with me whether something is common and
- 25 accepted and helpful and appropriate, a lot of disagreements

- 1 among CPAs and tax professionals, aren't there? A lot of cases
- 2 regarding that?
- 3 A It depends on the deduction.
- 4 Q Okay. It's not -- you're aware of there are a lot of
- 5 cases where people have disagreed with the Internal Revenue
- 6 Service, or the Internal Revenue Service has disagreed with
- 7 people on the meaning of those terms; right?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q Now, if -- and let me just, an example. If -- by the way,
- 10 your opinions and statements and computations are just based
- 11 upon what you've tried to understand and absorb as the evidence
- 12 so far; is that correct?
- 13 A Evidence and testimony.
- 14 Q Yeah. When I meant "the evidence," I meant testimony and
- 15 documents. That's correct. Right.
- 16 So the -- and if there was evidence that massages are
- 17 provided to employees to help relieve work stress and that it's
- 18 good for business, that would fit within your common and
- 19 accepted category, wouldn't it?
- 20 A It's not a common and accepted --
- 21 O Okay. Your position is that it's not common and not
- 22 accepted. That's your understanding.
- 23 A Yes.
- 24 Q That's the basis of your opinion.
- 25 A Yes.

- 1 Q Okay. And what I'm trying to suggest is that, if it was
- 2 common and utilized by corporate America or government
- 3 organizations, that would change your opinion, would it not?
- 4 A No.
- 5 Q Okay. So no matter whether it's common or accepted,
- 6 nothing -- it would not change your opinion?
- 7 A It can be common for massage services to be provided to
- 8 corporate America and governmental companies. However, it's
- 9 not a deductible business expense.
- 10 Q And we can debate whether it's deductible; but I was just
- 11 trying to focus on common and accepted, helpful and appropriate
- 12 because I think there are a lot of different standards going
- 13 on. So my question was, if it was -- if corporate America and
- 14 government organizations found that there was a good business
- 15 purpose to provide massage services or facilities for that,
- that would make it common and accepted, wouldn't it?
- 17 A No, I don't think it's a common occurrence.
- 18 Q Okay. So I guess what I'm -- I don't want to belabor the
- 19 point. You don't believe it's common.
- 20 A That's correct.
- 21 O Okay. Would you concede for me that relief of stress in
- the workplace would be helpful?
- 23 A Yes.
- 24 Q And appropriate?
- 25 A Appropriate, yes, but not -- there's no business purpose

- 1 for the massages.
- 2 Q Okay. I'm not going to argue, but I would -- I'm going to
- 3 respectfully disagree and maybe bring you around to my way of
- 4 thinking. If I want to make sure the chief executive of a
- 5 company or an employee is working at his or her peak
- 6 performance, I really want to make sure we reduce the stress
- 7 level, don't we?
- 8 A Sure.
- 9 Q Okay. You agree with that.
- 10 Excuse me, Your Honor.
- 11 That would make it a pretty good business purpose,
- 12 would it not?
- 13 A Yes. However, it would not be a business deduction.
- 14 Q Okay. And we'll get into that part later.
- So let me ask just an overall question regarding your
- 16 computations. You made determinations for your computations as
- 17 to, one, let's talk about the corporate tax, okay, because I
- 18 don't want to confuse the issue. And you made a determination
- 19 that you concluded, based upon a lot of reasons -- and we'll
- 20 talk about all the issues -- that something was not deductible;
- 21 correct?
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q Okay. And you also determined to include in your
- 24 computations in this criminal case that it was intentional;
- 25 correct?

- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q Okay. So -- and as part of your process and procedure,
- 3 and the basis of your opinion, you've concluded both of those
- 4 things in order to put it into your computations; is that
- 5 right?
- 6 MR. HARRINGTON: Objection, Your Honor. Her
- 7 testimony on direct was not about the state of mind of the
- 8 defendant.
- 9 MR. TOSCHER: Your Honor, may I respond?
- 10 THE COURT: Well --
- MR. TOSCHER: She's attacked --
- 12 THE COURT: Why don't we adjourn for the day, and
- 13 then we can have a lovely discussion.
- 14 MR. TOSCHER: Thank you, Your Honor.
- THE COURT: Okay. So I'll see you folks at nine
- 16 o'clock tomorrow.
- 17 (Jury excused.)
- 18 THE COURT: Okay. So after the witness has left the
- 19 courtroom, I'll turn it over to you, Mr. Toscher.
- Hold on.
- 21 MR. TOSCHER: Your Honor, may I go back to my --
- 22 THE COURT: You may.
- 23 (Witness excused.)
- 24 THE COURT: Okay. Counsel.
- MR. TOSCHER: Yes, Your Honor. Clearly, the basis of

- 1 her opinion, and she testified, is that these were false
- 2 deductions or that these were willful understatements. And if
- 3 one looks at the disclosure the government provided us, that's
- 4 pretty much what it says. And that's the way I prepared for
- 5 this, and I think that's the basis of her testimony. She's
- 6 asking these jurors to say that these are intentional
- 7 violations of the tax law on areas, as the Court can see,
- 8 there's a lot of area, a lot of gray area.
- I have concern, Your Honor. I think, you know, it
- 10 was represented to me that this was her disclosure -- now, I'm
- 11 switching to another topic, but I'm not going to switch to the
- 12 other topic, if the Court doesn't want me to.
- THE COURT: No. You can go ahead.
- 14 MR. TOSCHER: I think I'm entitled to move to strike
- 15 all of her testimony because the government didn't follow the
- 16 rules. I asked for disclosure. We got Selina Mann's. And
- 17 then we were told that, well, maybe it's Miss Mitsuyoshi. And
- 18 I said, okay -- we told them, "Put it in writing. Tell us."
- 19 And they said, "We don't need to. This is going to be her
- 20 testimony." And then I think the questioning of her, either
- 21 that's her disclosure or it's not her disclosure. If it's her
- 22 disclosure, she's got to stick with it and the rules. And, if
- 23 not, we respectfully move to strike her testimony.
- 24 THE COURT: Well, do you think she's deviated from
- 25 that disclosure so far?

- 1 MR. TOSCHER: I think we haven't gone into it. No,
- 2 we're just touching it. I don't think so. But the disclosure
- 3 talks about false deductions or intentional stuff, and I want
- 4 to question her on it. That's the basis of their case. And
- 5 the government doesn't want me to question on it.
- 6 THE COURT: Okay. I'll hear from the government. It
- 7 may be she made an assumption and was -- maybe was told to make
- 8 an assumption without her, as an expert witness, determining
- 9 whether the assumption was correct or not. So it's possible to
- 10 say a deduction is inappropriate without saying it was
- 11 deliberate. I mean, I don't know.
- MR. HARRINGTON: There's clearly two points on the
- 13 table. First, on the disclosure issue, that's not exactly how
- 14 I would recollect what happened. What happened is we sent an
- 15 e-mail, and we had the statement. And, yes, it says Selina
- 16 Mann at the top. And we said either Susan Mitsuyoshi or Selina
- 17 Mann will be testifying as our expert witness or expert and
- 18 summary witness, and we said the statement will apply to both
- 19 of them.
- 20 We had several conversations with Mr. Toscher about
- 21 it. At one point he said could you provide a statement with
- 22 her name on it. We said we can do that if you want to; we can
- 23 put her name at the top. And nothing came of it. He didn't
- 24 ask for that.
- 25 And the reality of the situation is that the

- 1 disclosures that we received from defense counsel, they're not
- 2 signed or prepared by their experts either; so I'm a little
- 3 surprised at the position being taken by defense counsel.
- 4 THE COURT: Well, okay. But, I mean, if you made a
- 5 disclosure, I don't hear from Mr. Toscher any particular
- 6 concern about, you know, whose resume am I looking at and I'm
- 7 being sandbagged by some person with an unusual background or
- 8 something. What I hear is his concern that she adopt what's in
- 9 the disclosure that was provided to him.
- 10 MR. HARRINGTON: Well, and I'm not really sure what
- 11 the concern is. The disclosure just goes through the business
- 12 expenses that we talked about. So the disclosure isn't, you
- 13 know, it's not tied to any particular person. It's just going
- 14 through the different items that we talked about and that we
- 15 went over in the testimony.
- 16 THE COURT: Okay. So let's stick on this issue
- 17 first. It may be that there comes a point where she disavows
- 18 something, but if she hasn't done that so far, I'm not so sure
- 19 what your concern is at this point about whose name was on
- 20 there. So, as I say, you know, if somebody came with a
- 21 particularly odd background, or, you know, gee, if only I'd
- 22 known it was that person who was involved in this notorious
- 23 case or something, you know, but I don't hear you making that
- 24 argument because her background is probably not so, you know,
- 25 unusual that it's causing you to have concern about that.

- 1 MR. TOSCHER: That is absolutely correct, Your
- 2 Honor.
- 3 THE COURT: Okay.
- 4 MR. TOSCHER: What I'm concerned with is her
- 5 disavowing the basis and substance of the opinion.
- 6 THE COURT: I haven't heard that yet. If it
- 7 happens --
- 8 MR. TOSCHER: Okay.
- 9 THE COURT: -- then I can see your point. But what I
- 10 think is she was somewhat confused about whether you were
- 11 asking her "Did you write this? Is this how you would have put
- 12 it?" versus "Is this the substance of what your opinion is?" I
- 13 think she was trying to be very careful because she's under
- 14 oath, but I didn't actually hear her disavow the substance.
- MR. TOSCHER: I think I agree with that, Your Honor,
- 16 but I was observing sort of a distancing.
- 17 THE COURT: Yeah, I think she was concerned not to
- 18 give the impression that this was how she would have put
- 19 things, these were the words she would have used. That's the
- 20 sense I got. I don't know.
- 21 MR. HARRINGTON: I mean, that's what I would agree
- 22 with. I think this is a non-issue.
- 23 THE COURT: Well, so for now, unless you're
- 24 identifying something where she's disavowing the substance, I'm
- 25 going to let her proceed. But when it happens, if it happens,

- 1 that you think she is deviating from the substance, then I
- 2 think you have a good point.
- 3 MR. TOSCHER: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 4 THE COURT: Okay. So that's how we're going to
- 5 proceed on that issue.
- Now, on your second issue you think you get to ask
- 7 her what she assumed, if anything, about Mr. Hee's mind-set.
- 8 MR. TOSCHER: Right.
- 9 THE COURT: That's -- I mean, I think he could ask
- 10 her if she made an assumption and on what basis. If the basis
- is the attorney told me to assume that, then I don't know where
- 12 you go from there. But I don't know why he couldn't ask her
- 13 those things.
- 14 MR. HARRINGTON: Well, Your Honor, the concern is --
- 15 THE COURT: I know. I know. You're worried about
- 16 our motion set for tomorrow morning. I know.
- 17 MR. HARRINGTON: That's part of it, but it's
- 18 also just --
- 19 THE COURT: Except that he probably didn't direct his
- 20 expert to assume that, you know, mind-set. I'm guessing.
- 21 MR. HARRINGTON: Well, and I don't think we asked our
- 22 expert to assume a willful intent either.
- THE COURT: Oh, you didn't. Okay.
- MR. HARRINGTON: Yeah, so I mean --
- MR. TOSCHER: Sorry.

- 1 THE COURT: So --
- 2 MR. HARRINGTON: At least I didn't. I can represent
- 3 to the Court I did not.
- 4 THE COURT: So your point is that she --
- 5 MR. HARRINGTON: She's looking --
- 6 THE COURT: She's looking at whether something was
- 7 wrongly treated.
- 8 MR. HARRINGTON: Exactly. How it was treated on the
- 9 tax return and what the tax consequences are. Whether the
- 10 defendant was or was not willful isn't part of her opinion
- 11 because that doesn't actually affect the tax computations.
- 12 There's no penalties that are at issue which may have a
- 13 state-of-mind aspect to it. It's just straight tax
- 14 computations.
- MR. TOSCHER: Your Honor, I commend the Court to look
- 16 at the disclosure, which is the basis, and --
- 17 THE COURT: I don't have it.
- 18 MR. TOSCHER: It's Exhibit X. I will get the Court a
- 19 copy. In fact, I'll hand up an extra copy. And all of these
- 20 things were part of her disclosure and her testimony.
- 21 THE COURT: Well, something being "false," if that's
- the word, I don't know that that necessarily means she thought
- 23 it was some willful, you know, deceptive or, you know,
- 24 misleading kind of thing because it could be mistaken, I guess.
- 25 But, you know, I think you can inquire whether she

- 1 made any assumption about his mind-set. If she says, Yes, I
- 2 did, then I think he can ask: What did you assume? I don't
- 3 know that that necessarily -- I know you folks are worried
- 4 about his expert coming up, but I don't know that that's the
- 5 same thing. She's -- I mean, you can come back on redirect.
- 6 Did the mind-set affect your computation? You know, I mean --
- 7 MR. HARRINGTON: It's just -- it's sort of a
- 8 concerning line of questioning, too.
- 9 THE COURT: I know.
- 10 MR. HARRINGTON: I mean, it's -- I don't know what
- 11 her basis -- I guess you're saying "assumption," which is --
- 12 THE COURT: Yeah, yeah. I mean, I think he's allowed
- 13 to do that; so depending on her answers, I don't know how much
- 14 into it he'll go. But I'm going to let him ask what
- 15 assumptions she made, if any, about her mind-set, and we'll go
- 16 from there. About his -- I'm sorry, about Mr. Hee's mind-set.
- 17 MR. TOSCHER: And I assume -- I'm sorry. I didn't
- 18 want to cut you off.
- 19 THE COURT: But it's not a ruling that your experts,
- therefore, can testify as to what Mr. Hee's mind-set actually
- 21 was because, in fact, you've agreed that that's not something
- 22 that they should be allowed to testify to.
- MR. TOSCHER: We state -- not the ultimate decision,
- 24 but that's the subject -- not the ultimate, you know,
- 25 determination, but I think there are the areas which I think

- 1 the case law has clearly allowed the testimony, which reflects
- 2 on the reasonableness of the -- I don't want to get into
- 3 arguing the motion.
- THE COURT: You're threading that, but, you know,
- 5 there's -- you can't ask him -- you can't ask your expert, for
- 6 example, do you think Mr. Hee really knew what he was doing and
- 7 wrongly claiming blah, blah, blah? I mean, you know you can't
- 8 do that.
- 9 MR. TOSCHER: Not that, but -- well, I think the
- 10 evidence is, you know, this case is -- I don't want -- we'll
- 11 deal with it on cross-examination tomorrow. Everything is in
- 12 Waimana's books. Where's the concealment? Criminal cases are
- 13 about concealment. And that's, in my humble opinion, Your
- 14 Honor, fair development of the record here. And I think -- I
- 15 appreciate the Court's caution regarding the experts, and we're
- 16 prepared to address all those issues tomorrow. And -- but --
- 17 and, you know.
- 18 THE COURT: Okay. But I'm going to let him ask if
- 19 she made any assumptions and, if so, what they were and whether
- 20 those affected. I mean, some of it he might decide not to ask,
- 21 but you might want to come back and ask. I don't know. But I
- 22 think that's fair for him to ask what assumptions she made.
- 23 And we'll go from there.
- Okay. 8:30 tomorrow to talk about the motion about
- 25 their experts. I got your memo, and we'll go over that and

- 1 figure out what's going on.
- What's the schedule? Is this the last witness?
- 3 MR. HARRINGTON: Yes, Your Honor. The only thing
- 4 that would be -- maybe we can address this in the morning --
- 5 there's a few housekeeping exhibit issues that we've gone
- 6 across before with swapping some pages out.
- 7 THE COURT: Okay. And you can --
- 8 MR. HARRINGTON: Yeah.
- 9 THE COURT: -- work with the courtroom manager.
- 10 MR. HARRINGTON: But other than that, we'll be ready
- 11 to close -- rest. Excuse me.
- 12 THE COURT: You'll be ready to rest.
- MR. HARRINGTON: Rest. Precisely.
- 14 THE COURT: You don't want to go anymore.
- Okay. So, you know, you know better than they do how
- long your cross-examination of this witness will take, and then
- 17 it's likely that you would -- we wouldn't take the whole day,
- 18 and so --
- 19 MR. TOSCHER: I don't anticipate that, Your Honor.
- 20 THE COURT: -- so you may well need to have witnesses
- 21 prepared to go.
- MR. TOSCHER: Okay.
- THE COURT: Okay.
- MR. TOSCHER: Just, Your Honor, for the scheduling,
- 25 we would anticipate that after the government rests that we

- 1 will make a Rule 29 motion.
- THE COURT: Okay.
- 3 MR. TOSCHER: Just to let the Court know.
- 4 THE COURT: Okay. And just because, you know, I
- 5 don't want to keep the jury waiting really a long time,
- 6 tomorrow I will say that, you know, I envision that we'll all
- 7 be on the edge of our seats as you --
- 8 MR. TOSCHER: Are we talking about my
- 9 cross-examination?
- 10 THE COURT: No, no, not your cross-examination.
- 11 In your case in chief with your experts. But you don't need to
- 12 tell me now -- and, certainly, Mr. Hee has every right to stand
- on his right to be silent -- but it does seem to me that, if
- 14 you want expert testimony on whether a belief on the part of
- 15 Mr. Hee was a reasonable belief, I think the foundation has to
- 16 be laid that Mr. Hee had the belief that an expert is opining
- 17 was reasonable. So I just put that out there.
- 18 MR. TOSCHER: (Nods head.)
- 19 THE COURT: That to put an expert on without that
- 20 foundation seems to me putting the cart before the horse. But
- 21 we can have a fuller discussion about this tomorrow, but that
- 22 is just something that I think you might want to address.
- MR. TOSCHER: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 24 THE COURT: Okay. So I'll see everybody 8:30
- 25 tomorrow.

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